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1 STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT
2 COUNTY OF RAMSEY SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT
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4 The State of Minnesota,
5 by Hubert H. Humphrey, III,
6 its attorney general,
7 and
8 Blue Cross and Blue Shield
9 of Minnesota,
10 Plaintiffs,
11 vs. File No. C1-94-8565
12 Philip Morris Incorporated, R.J.
13 Reynolds Tobacco Company, Brown
14 & Williamson Tobacco Corporation,
15 B.A.T. Industries P.L.C., Lorillard
16 Tobacco Company, The American
17 Tobacco Company, Liggett Group, Inc.,
18 The Council for Tobacco Research-U.S.A.,
19 Inc., and The Tobacco Institute, Inc.,
20 Defendants.
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1 P R O C E E D I N G S.
2 THE CLERK: All rise. Ramsey County
3 District Court is again in session, the Honorable
4 Kenneth J. Fitzpatrick now presiding.
5 (Jury enters the courtroom.)
6 THE CLERK: Please be seated.
7 THE COURT: Good morning.
8 (Collective "Good morning.")
9 THE COURT: Ladies and gentlemen and
10 members of the jury, as you'll recall previously, I
11 mentioned that I'll periodically remind you of the
12 necessity of your avoiding reading any newspapers or
13 magazines or listening to the radio or television
14 concerning this particular case, having any
15 discussions with any members of your family, spouses,
16 girlfriends or boyfriends or other close members of
17 your family, and of course not talking to anyone, any
18 outsiders about the case, and again reminding you
19 that should anyone from the outside contact you,
20 please contact the court immediately so that we can
21 address the issue. This is just another general
22 reminder. I'll -- I'll be giving you that
23 periodically through the case.
24 Counsel.
25 MR. BLEAKLEY: Thank you, Your Honor. Good
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1 morning, ladies and gentlemen.
2 (Collective "Good morning.")
3 WALKER N. MERRYMAN

4 called as a witness, being previously
5 sworn, was examined and testified as
6 follows:

7 DIRECT EXAMINATION

8 BY MR. BLEAKLEY:

9 Q. Good morning, Mr. Merryman.

10 A. Good morning.

11 Q. As you know, my name is Peter Bleakley and I'm
12 counsel for one of the defendants, Philip Morris, in
13 this case, and I'm going to ask you a few questions
14 and hopefully get you out of here today.

15 Let me ask you first, Mr. Merryman, to tell us a
16 little bit about your background. Where are you from
17 and where did you grow up?

18 A. I was born and grew up in Rapid City, South
19 Dakota, spent all of my formative years there, went
20 to high school there, graduated from Rapid City
21 Central High School. My mother still lives there.

22 Q. And what did you do after you graduated from
23 high school?

24 A. I attended college in Beloit, Wisconsin, for a
25 year, and transferred to Emerson College in Boston

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1 following that.

2 Q. Did you graduate from Emerson?

3 A. Yes, I did.

4 Q. What kind --

5 A. In 1971.

6 Q. What kind of a degree did you receive?

7 A. I received a bachelor's degree in mass
8 communications.

9 Q. And that was 1971 you said?

10 A. Yes, it was.

11 Q. After you graduated in 1971, what -- what did
12 you do?

13 A. I returned to Rapid City to work for a cable
14 television system in their news division, starting up
15 their news department. Was one of the first cable
16 systems in the country, as I recall, to do any
17 significant amount of news and local public affairs
18 programming.

19 Q. And how long did you hold that job?

20 A. I was there for little less than a year.

21 Q. What did you do next?

22 A. Following that I went to Sioux City, Iowa, where
23 I was employed by the NBC television affiliate there
24 to write and produce and anchor newscasts and do
25 reporting.

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1 Q. And how long did you hold that position?

2 A. I was there for a little less than a year.

3 Q. And what came next?

4 A. After that I took a job as news director at the
5 Nebraska Television Network in Carney, Nebraska,
6 which was a commercial network of four television
7 stations that covered predominantly rural areas of
8 Nebraska, Kansas and Colorado.

9 Q. And how long were you in Carney, Nebraska?
10 A. From approximately November 1972 until early
11 1976.
12 Q. So about four years?
13 A. Little less than that, yes.
14 Q. And you left Carney in 1976; is that right?
15 A. That is correct.
16 Q. And what position did you take then?
17 A. That is when The Tobacco Institute offered me a
18 position as assistant to the president of the
19 Institute.
20 Q. So you moved to Washington in 1976 then?
21 A. Yes, sir, I did.
22 Q. Is it fair to describe the five years that you
23 spent before you went to The Tobacco Institute as a
24 broadcast journalist?
25 A. That is correct, yes, sir.

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1 Q. Now tell us how is it that you came about to
2 take a position with The Tobacco Institute?
3 A. Well I became aware of their interest in hiring
4 someone who was familiar with broadcasting and
5 journalism. Friend of mine who ran a job-placement
6 service for the Radio and Television News Directors
7 Association told me of the position. I applied for
8 it, and they asked for a substantial amount of
9 background material on me, which I submitted, and
10 went to Washington then for a personal interview, and
11 subsequently I was hired.
12 Q. And what were you hired to do?
13 A. I was hired to respond to inquiries from the
14 news media about issues that The Tobacco Institute
15 addressed on behalf of its member companies.
16 Q. What kind of media inquiries were you responding
17 to?
18 A. Well typically a reporter would call and ask for
19 information on tobacco economics, tobacco history,
20 taxation, smoking bans, smoking and health also on
21 occasion. We responded, if we could, if we had the
22 information, to those questions and were in a
23 position of being the spokesman for the industry on
24 those issues on which there was a common position.
25 Q. How did you --

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1 What was the title that you had when you first
2 went to work for TI?
3 A. Assistant to the president, sir.
4 Q. And how did you go about responding to
5 inquiries, what -- what physically did you do?
6 A. Well we had information at the Institute in
7 published form that we referred to, position papers.
8 In terms of economic information, we'd gather that
9 from sources such as the U.S. Department of
10 Agriculture or state tax and revenue offices on
11 taxation matters. We'd certainly review material
12 that came to us in subscription form; for example,
13 magazines and newspapers. So that we had as much

14 information as we could gather on -- on these issues,
15 and also obviously we got a lot of information from
16 our member companies.

17 Q. Did you, during this time that you were
18 assistant to the president, did you do things other
19 than respond to inquiries from the media?

20 A. Yes, sir. Occasionally I would pitch in to help
21 write a news release. I would write -- sometimes I'd
22 write speeches for myself. I don't think I wrote
23 speeches for anybody else. We were asked on occasion
24 to give speeches to civic clubs like Kiwanis Clubs
25 and Lions Clubs. Also sometimes tobacco trade

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1 magazines would ask us to write an article on a
2 current issue for their magazine, and sometimes I
3 would do that.

4 Q. How long did you hold this position of assistant
5 to the president?

6 A. Until approximately 1980 or '81.

7 Q. And would you tell the jury what -- what
8 position you took up next?

9 A. After that I was offered a position of director
10 of communications at the Institute.

11 Q. And what year was that?

12 A. 1980 or 1981, I believe.

13 Q. And did your job responsibilities change when
14 you became director of communications?

15 A. Yes, sir, they did. They were expanded quite a
16 bit.

17 Q. And how were they expanded?

18 A. To include some administrative duties, to
19 oversee the activities of three other people who
20 would act as spokesmen for the Institute, for the
21 industry, and also a support staff of two people.

22 Q. How long were you director of communications?

23 A. For approximately two years.

24 Q. And then what position did you take?

25 A. Then I was offered the position of

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1 vice-president of The Tobacco Institute, which I
2 took.

3 Q. And did your responsibilities change when you
4 became a vice-president?

5 A. Not materially, no, sir.

6 Q. And is that the job that you have today?

7 A. Yes, sir, it is.

8 Q. So you've had essentially the same position for
9 the past 15 years, approximately?

10 A. Yes, sir, that's right.

11 Q. Are you a part of a particular unit of The
12 Tobacco Institute?

13 A. I'm part of the public affairs division.

14 Q. The public affairs division.

15 A. Yes, sir.

16 Q. And is there someone in that division to whom
17 you report, or are you the -- the head of it? What
18 is -- how does that operate?

19 A. The public affairs division is headed by a
20 senior vice-president whose name is Walter Woodson.
21 Q. Can you tell us a little bit about the
22 organization of The Tobacco Institute? Are there
23 divisions other than the public affairs division?
24 A. Yes, sir, there are.
25 Q. What are they?

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1 A. There are three other divisions: one is the
2 administrative division, which takes care of things
3 like payroll and -- and personnel and computers;
4 there is our state activities division, which
5 oversees our efforts to monitor legislative and
6 regulatory activity at the state and local level; and
7 then there's our federal relations division, which
8 oversees our activities at the federal level with
9 respect to Congress and federal agencies.
10 Q. What -- what does the state activities division
11 do?
12 A. State activities oversees our activity at the
13 state and local level. We have, obviously, a lot of
14 concerns with respect to legislation and
15 regulatory -- regulation in the 50 states. A lot of
16 legislators are in session right now. We have
17 contract lobbyists who report to various regional
18 vice-presidents who represent The Tobacco Institute
19 in Minnesota and other states.
20 Q. When you joined The Tobacco Institute, how many
21 employees did it have?
22 A. I believe there were approximately 30 employees
23 at that time, sir.
24 Q. How many does it have today?
25 A. Somewhere around 50 or 54 employees, I believe.

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1 Q. How many are there in the public affairs
2 division, your division?
3 A. The division which I'm employed, I believe there
4 are a dozen.
5 Q. Who supports The Tobacco Institute; that is,
6 provides the funding for the organization?
7 A. Our funding comes entirely from our members,
8 which are the cigarette manufacturers, manufacturers
9 of tobacco products.
10 Q. If you would look in that small exhibit book you
11 have there at the first exhibit that's marked
12 PA000341.
13 A. All right.
14 MR. BLEAKLEY: Your Honor, at this time I
15 offer PA000341 for illustrative purposes.
16 MR. CIRESI: No objection, Your Honor.
17 THE COURT: Court will receive PA000341.
18 BY MR. BLEAKLEY:
19 Q. I'm not sure you're going to be able to --
20 Let me first ask you what this document is,
21 PA000341.
22 A. This is a document which, as it says, is the
23 scope and activities of The Tobacco Institute. It

24 describes in general terms what The Tobacco Institute
25 is and does.

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1 Q. And what was the purpose for which this document
2 was prepared?

3 A. We wanted to give people who were interested in
4 knowing something about the Institute a general
5 overview of our activities.

6 Q. As a general overview, does it accurately state
7 what The Tobacco Institute does and doesn't do?

8 A. It -- it does, sir.

9 Q. Let me direct your attention to the second page
10 of this exhibit, the page that reads, "What it
11 does...

12 "The functions of The Institute are similar to
13 those of many other industry or professional
14 associations. The aim of The Institute is to foster
15 public understanding of the smoking and health
16 controversy and to increase awareness of the historic
17 role of tobacco and its place in the national
18 economy. It is a communicator of information and
19 viewpoints on such matters to the public, news media
20 and government at state" -- excuse me, "local, state
21 and federal levels."

22 Does that accurately state what The Tobacco
23 Institute does?

24 A. Yes, sir, it does.

25 Q. Now how does it accomplish that, that aim or

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1 that function? The aim of the Institute, to foster
2 public understanding, how does it do that?

3 A. We have a variety of publications that we make
4 available to the news media, to the general public,
5 on issues that The Tobacco Institute takes a policy
6 or position on. We also have, as I mentioned a
7 moment ago, people like me who act as spokesmen for
8 the Institute and for the industry who are available
9 to talk to the news media or talk to public groups
10 upon invitation. We occasionally have had films on
11 agriculture, for example, to give people an overview
12 of what tobacco agriculture and history is like. And
13 we also maintain documents for our own use in
14 researching some of those issues.

15 Q. At the beginning of this paragraph it says "The
16 functions of The Institute are similar to host of
17 many other industry or professional associations."
18 What does that mean?

19 A. Well there are hundreds if not thousands of
20 trade associations and professional associations, a
21 lot of them in Washington, D.C., and we are not
22 unlike almost all of them with the exception that we
23 don't promote the product, as some do on behalf of
24 their members. But we're not in the business of
25 trying to encourage smoking or discourage quitting,

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1 so we're not involved in that commercial activity.
 2 But apart from that, what we do on behalf of our
 3 members is virtually indistinguishable from what a
 4 lot of other trade associations do.

5 Q. Do you in your job have occasion to talk with
 6 and meet with people who work for other trade
 7 associations?

8 A. Yes, sir, I do.

9 Q. Do you exchange ideas and have conferences and
 10 that sort of thing?

11 A. Yes, sir, both formally and informally we do.

12 Q. And based upon your knowledge of other trade
 13 associations, do they function pretty much like The
 14 Tobacco Institute does, except --

15 MR. CIRESI: Objection. Objection,
 16 hearsay, no foundation.

17 THE COURT: Sustained.

18 BY MR. BLEAKLEY:

19 Q. To your knowledge, do most industries in the
 20 United States have trade associations?

21 A. I believe they do, yes, sir.

22 Q. Let me return to -- or turn to the other page of
 23 Exhibit 000341 and direct your attention to the
 24 paragraph that reads, "What it doesn't do..."

25 "The Institute has no role in competitive

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1 activities of the tobacco industry such as
 2 purchasing, manufacturing, pricing, promoting or
 3 marketing tobacco or tobacco products."

4 Is that an accurate statement of what The
 5 Tobacco Institute does not do?

6 A. Yes, sir, it is.

7 Q. The Tobacco Institute does not promote the sale
 8 or purchase of cigarettes?

9 A. That is correct, sir.

10 Q. And does it promote smoking?

11 A. No, sir, we do not.

12 Q. Does it discourage smoking?

13 A. No, sir, it does not.

14 Q. Does The Tobacco Institute have any involvement
 15 in the business operations of its member cigarette
 16 companies?

17 A. No, sir, we do not.

18 Q. Let me go back to the other page of that
 19 exhibit, the section entitled "Speakers programs"
 20 which reads, "The Institute provides speakers on any
 21 tobacco-related subject for civic and service clubs,
 22 business on professional groups," and so forth, and
 23 then it reads, "Generally, the age of the audience is
 24 the only restriction on where they will schedule
 25 appearances, in line with the industry's longstanding

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1 policy that smoking is not for the young but a custom
 2 of free choice for informed, mature persons. They do
 3 not, therefore, address young persons' groups." Do
 4 you see that?

5 A. Yes, sir, I do.
6 Q. Is that an accurate statement, --
7 A. Yes, sir, it very much is.
8 Q. -- that The Tobacco Institute does not address
9 young persons' groups?
10 A. That is correct.
11 Q. And how does The Tobacco Institute, for the
12 purposes of this program, define "young persons'
13 groups?"
14 A. We avoid addressing groups that are made up of
15 anyone under the age of 21.
16 Q. How long has this policy existed?
17 A. To the best of my knowledge, ever since I've
18 been at the Institute, 22 years.
19 Q. Has The Tobacco Institute taken steps to
20 communicate to the public the policy that smoking is
21 not for the young, but a custom of free choice for
22 informed, mature persons?
23 A. Yes, sir, we have.
24 MR. BLEAKLEY: Your Honor, at this time I
25 have a demonstrative exhibit entitled --
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1 MR. CIRESI: May I see it before --
2 MR. BLEAKLEY: You've got it. It's the
3 same.
4 MR. BLEAKLEY: -- Exhibit No. 2803, which
5 we would offer for illustrative purposes.
6 MR. CIRESI: No objection, Your Honor.
7 THE COURT: Court will receive 2803 for
8 illustrative purposes.
9 BY MR. BLEAKLEY:
10 Q. Now you have a copy of that in your exhibit
11 book, I hope. Should be the next exhibit in there.
12 A. Don't --
13 Yes, I do.
14 Q. Well let me just ask you --
15 A. Yes, I do.
16 Q. Let me just ask you about it.
17 Tell us how the Institute has gone about
18 communicating to the public the policy that smoking
19 is not for the young, but a custom of free choice for
20 informed, mature persons?
21 A. Well, in 1982 we launched an advertising
22 campaign, the theme of which was Do Cigarette
23 Companies Want Kids To Smoke? The Answer: No.
24 MR. BLEAKLEY: Your Honor, may I approach
25 the witness with a small version of this exhibit?
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1 Thank you.
2 Oh, you found it. Okay. Sorry.
3 Q. All right. Referring, if you would, to Exhibit
4 2803, is this the program on this exhibit identified
5 as The Tobacco Institute ad campaign?
6 A. Yes, sir, that's correct.
7 Q. Okay. Would you describe for the ladies and
8 gentlemen of the jury and the court what this
9 campaign consisted of and why The Tobacco Institute

10 launched it.
11 A. It was a national advertising campaign in
12 consumer magazines that were read by literally
13 millions of Americans. We launched the campaign
14 because there had been a leveling off in what had
15 been a decline in youth smoking in the previous
16 couple of years. We wanted to make certain that our
17 industry policy on youth smoking was clearly
18 enunciated and clearly understood, and this was our
19 attempt to let people know that the industry did not
20 want kids to smoke.

21 Q. And where was this ad campaign launched, in what
22 media?

23 A. It was national magazines, sir.

24 Q. What kind of national magazines?

25 A. Such as Time, Newsweek, magazines such as that.

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1 Q. And were you personally involved in this
2 campaign?

3 A. I had no personal involvement in it, no, sir.

4 Q. Had you been involved in the policies in
5 communicating to the public The Tobacco Institute's
6 policy that smoking is not for the young, but a
7 custom of free choice for informed, mature adults?

8 A. I've been consistently involved in communicating
9 that policy over the years as a spokesman for the
10 Institute in response to requests from reporters for
11 our position on the issue and also in public
12 appearances, yes, sir.

13 Q. Using Exhibit 2803, the next entry is 1984,
14 "Tobacco Institute offers 'Helping Youth Decide',
15 'Helping Youth Say No' guide books to parents."
16 Would you explain that program for the ladies and
17 gentlemen of the jury, please?

18 A. That was a program in which we and the National
19 Association of State Boards of Education cooperated
20 to distribute these two booklets that are named. The
21 booklets were written by child psychologists and
22 child guidance experts at the National Association of
23 State Boards of Education. They were an attempt to
24 give parents in particular, but also really anyone
25 who had substantial contact with young people, some

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1 good guidance on how to help youngsters make good
2 decisions about challenges that they were very likely
3 to face as they were growing up. And then the second
4 booklet, Helping Youth Say No, went a little further
5 to help those same parents and other people who were
6 in constant contact with youngsters, help them give
7 these youngsters some guidance on how to say no to
8 peer group pressure, how to handle things that came
9 up about smoking, about drinking, about sexual
10 activity, about drugs, all things that kids face as
11 they're growing up. We knew that smoking wasn't the
12 only thing that kids face as an issue, it was one of
13 many, and we decided that, with the assistance of
14 National Association of State Boards of Education, it

15 was a good idea to try to address them all in these
16 booklets that we made available free of charge to --
17 to parents.

18 Q. Did you personally make any speeches dealing
19 with this subject as a part of this program?

20 A. Oh, yes, sir. I traveled extensively around the
21 country to give -- give presentations on this
22 subject, to be interviewed by radio and television
23 reporters and to give presentations to public groups.

24 Q. Would you turn to the next exhibit in the book
25 in front of you, which is 000531. Do you have that

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1 in front of you?

2 A. Yes, sir, I have that.

3 Q. Is that an example of such a speech?

4 A. Yes, sir, it is.

5 MR. BLEAKLEY: Your Honor, we offer Exhibit
6 000531.

7 MR. CIRESI: No objection, Your Honor.

8 THE COURT: Court will receive 000531.

9 BY MR. BLEAKLEY:

10 Q. This is "STATEMENT OF WALKER MERRYMAN, VICE
11 PRESIDENT, TOBACCO INSTITUTE, SEPTEMBER 25, 1984;" is
12 that correct?

13 A. Yes, sir, that's correct.

14 Q. And where was this speech given?

15 A. This was at the National Press Club in
16 Washington, D.C.

17 Q. And to whom were you making this speech?

18 A. I was making these remarks to reporters who had
19 gathered to hear of this project that we were
20 undertaking.

21 Q. And who is the Mrs. Davidson referred to in the
22 second paragraph of your speech?

23 A. That would be Jolly Ann Davidson, who was past
24 president of the National Association of State Boards
25 of Education.

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1 Q. And how did you happen to be making the speech
2 together with Ms. Davidson?

3 A. She and I were taking this opportunity to
4 publicly launch Helping Youth Decide and making
5 people aware of its existence.

6 Q. And you told this group that you were here this
7 morning because we do not want youngsters smoking
8 cigarettes?

9 A. That is correct.

10 Q. And that the program that was described by Mrs.
11 Davidson, that's the program you've just been talking
12 about; is that correct?

13 A. Yes, sir.

14 Q. That you were taking that policy one step
15 further. "To date, we have avoided encouraging
16 youngsters to smoke. This effort should actively
17 discourage youth smoking." Is that correct?

18 A. That is correct.

19 Q. And is that in fact what you and The Tobacco

20 Institute have done since 1984?
21 A. Yes, sir, we have.
22 Q. Now what materials did you disseminate and to
23 whom as a part of this program?
24 A. We disseminated, as I mentioned before, these
25 booklets that were written by child guidance
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1 specialists at the National Association of State
2 Boards of Education, the booklet called Helping Youth
3 Decide and then later Helping Youth Say No. We
4 distributed them by advertising their availability
5 free of charge. Some people in organizations wrote
6 in for multiple copies, which we were happy to
7 provide. And we distributed them, to the best of my
8 recollection, in every state in the union.
9 Q. Is that the booklet that is referred to on page
10 two of your speech?
11 A. Yes, sir, it is.
12 Q. And I see that in the second paragraph you said,
13 "We are mindful that the booklet alone is not enough.
14 It must find its way into the American home -- and
15 that is why advertisements offering the booklet at no
16 charge will begin appearing in major publications
17 tomorrow." Is that -- was that part of the policy?
18 A. Yes, sir, it was.
19 Q. Would you turn to the next exhibit in your
20 exhibit book there, which is 000233, an exhibit
21 entitled "Hoping Youth Decide."
22 A. Yes.
23 Q. Do you have that in front of you?
24 A. Yes, I have that.

25 MR. BLEAKLEY: Your Honor, at this time we
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1 offer 000233.
2 MR. CIRESI: No objection, Your Honor.
3 THE COURT: Court will receive 000233.
4 BY MR. BLEAKLEY:
5 Q. Is this the booklet that you described in your
6 speech and that you talked about here just a moment
7 ago?
8 A. Yes, sir, it is.
9 Q. And this booklet was distributed throughout the
10 United States?
11 A. It was.
12 Q. Was this published in 1984?
13 A. Yes, sir, it was.
14 Q. Take a look at the next exhibit in your booklet,
15 which is 000238, another booklet entitled "Helping
16 Youth Say No."
17 A. All right, sir.
18 Q. Can you tell us what the difference is between
19 this booklet, 002 -- 000238 and 000233?
20 A. Well this booklet really is an attempt to expand
21 and build on Helping Youth Decide by giving parents
22 useful information that they can put into practice
23 with their own youngsters on how to help those kids
24 resist peer pressure, say no to their friends if

25 their friends try to get them to use drugs, to smoke,
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1 to drink, to engage in -- in sexual activity or
2 anything else that they might be faced with as
3 adolescents. We thought it was a logical next step.
4 Q. So is it fair to say it was a subsequent version
5 of the earlier booklet?
6 A. Yes, sir, it was.
7 MR. BLEAKLEY: We offer 000238, Your Honor.
8 MR. CIRESI: No objection, Your Honor.
9 THE COURT: Court will receive 000238.
10 BY MR. BLEAKLEY:
11 Q. And the next exhibit in your binder there is
12 Exhibit 000226. This one is entitled "Tobacco:
13 Helping Youth Say No." What is this?
14 A. This follows on to the first two, and as you'll
15 notice, it is tobacco-specific, it says "Tobacco:
16 Helping Youth Say No," and we decided that it made
17 sense for us to zero in on this issue, tobacco use
18 among youngsters, and again focus the attention on
19 how parents, but also anyone, really, who deals with
20 youngsters on a regular basis, can help youngsters
21 deal with peer pressure that they face to smoke. And
22 this booklet we thought was a very good teaching and
23 learning tool for parents and their youngsters.
24 MR. BLEAKLEY: Your Honor, at this time we
25 offer 000226.

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1 MR. CIRESI: No objection, Your Honor.
2 THE COURT: Court will receive -- is it
3 226, counsel?
4 MR. BLEAKLEY: Yes, Your Honor.
5 THE COURT: All right.
6 MR. BLEAKLEY: 000226.
7 THE COURT: Court will receive 000226.
8 BY MR. BLEAKLEY:
9 Q. And this is the cover page of that booklet?
10 A. Yes, it is.
11 Q. "Tobacco."
12 And when did you start distributing this
13 booklet?
14 A. This would have been about 1989, I believe.
15 Q. How many of these Helping Youth Say No booklets
16 has The Tobacco Institute distributed throughout the
17 United States?
18 A. I believe there have been well over a million
19 copies distributed.
20 Q. And how many have been distributed in Minnesota,
21 if you know?
22 A. I don't recall the specific number. We did keep
23 a list -- of a tally state by state so that we were
24 aware of how many. But certainly there was
25 distribution within Minnesota because people saw the

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1 ads and -- and wrote or called to get copies.
2 Q. Referring, if you would, back to the time line,
3 the next entry is for 1986, "Tobacco Institute funds
4 'Community -- Community Alliance Programs'.
5 Can you explain for us what these community
6 alliance programs were?
7 A. Yes, sir. Those were programs that we funded in
8 communities around the country to encourage grass
9 roots organizations to become familiar with the
10 publications Helping Youth Decide, Helping Youth Say
11 No, and distribute them more intensively at the -- at
12 the grass roots level in communities. As I say,
13 there were a number of grants in towns nationwide to
14 help do that.
15 Q. Grants. You mean money grants?
16 A. Small grants of about, I believe, three thousand
17 dollars was typical, to pay for administrative costs
18 just to get the program off the ground.
19 Q. And these were funded by The Tobacco Institute?
20 A. Yes, sir, they were.
21 Q. The next entry is for 1990, and it's entitled
22 "C.O.U.R.S.E. CONSORTIUM releases 'Tobacco: Helping
23 Youth Say No'. Tobacco Institute launches 'It's the
24 Law'." Can you tell us about those programs?
25 A. Yes. The family C.O.U.R.S.E. Consortium was an
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1 organization made up of educators, child-guidance
2 specialists, people who were interested in adolescent
3 issues who had agreed to distribute -- be the
4 administrative distribution point for our booklet
5 "Tobacco: Helping Youth Say No." They were
6 volunteers who became involved in this effort, I
7 think at the -- as I recall, at the request of Mrs.
8 Davidson, whom we talked about earlier. They also
9 were very instrumental in making certain that
10 Tobacco: Helping Youth Say No got substantial
11 publicity in their communities.

12 The It's the Law project was something separate
13 that The Tobacco Institute did in working with the
14 retail community. Tobacco retailers, obviously, are
15 the ones who sell the cigarettes to people,
16 convenience stores, grocery stores, chain drug
17 stores, and we wanted to help those retailers
18 understand what their responsibilities were under the
19 laws in their state with respect to the sale of
20 cigarettes. We wanted them to understand what the
21 law was, we wanted them to observe it.

22 We provided them with free material that they
23 could give to their store clerks so that the clerks
24 and managers could understand what the law was. We
25 provided them with material that they could display

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1 in their stores on their store windows, on their
2 doors, at the point of purchase, at the cash
3 register, that said "It's the Law. We don't sell
4 tobacco products to anyone under the age of 18" in
5 most states, in three states it's 19 years, and we

6 made wide distribution of that material free of
7 charge to retailers across the country.
8 Q. Approximately how many of these kits did you
9 distribute to retailers across the country?
10 A. There were, I believe, 300,000 kits that had
11 been sent to retailers, either directly in response
12 to advertisements we placed in retail trade magazines
13 or through tobacco wholesalers. I think in some
14 cases the manufacturing companies themselves in their
15 contacts with retailers dropped off these free kits.
16 Q. Were these It's the Law kits distributed in
17 Minnesota, to retailers in Minnesota?
18 A. Yes, sir, they most certainly were.
19 Q. The next entry on Exhibit 2803 is for December
20 1995, "Coalition for Responsible Tobacco Retailing
21 launches 'We Card'." Can you tell us about that?
22 What was that program?
23 A. Yes, sir. That was a coalition of which The
24 Tobacco Institute was a part, but it also included
25 other trade associations representing the retail and
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1 wholesale community. It was a follow-on, a natural
2 one I think, to the It's the Law program, because
3 what we were doing with We Card was distributing,
4 again free of charge, material to retailers that they
5 could display to tell customers that they were
6 serious about observing the law, that they were going
7 to card people who wanted to make tobacco purchases.
8 And again, these kits were -- were state-specific
9 because not every state has a uniform law when it
10 comes to the sale of tobacco products. Again, the --
11 the Coalition for Responsible Tobacco Retailing
12 distributed this material free of charge to retailers
13 around the country. I've seen it in use in many
14 parts of the country. And it included -- the
15 coalition, as I said, included not just The Tobacco
16 Institute, but also other trade associations for the
17 retail and wholesale industries.
18 Q. Exhibit 000149 is a box entitled "We Card." Is
19 this the We Card kit that's distributed to retailers
20 across the United States?
21 A. Yes, sir, it is.
22 MR. BLEAKLEY: Your Honor, may I approach
23 the witness?
24 (Box handed to the witness.)
25 MR. BLEAKLEY: At this time we offer
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1 000149.
2 MR. CIRESI: No objection, Your Honor.
3 THE COURT: Court will receive 000149.
4 BY MR. BLEAKLEY:
5 Q. Can you open up 000149 and sort of show the
6 ladies and gentlemen of the jury what -- what it
7 consists of and how it was used.
8 A. Well this, for example, would be a sign for the
9 counter, perhaps next to the cash register. This is
10 a video tape that store employees and store managers

11 would watch so that they could understand why this
12 was an important subject and what their duties and
13 responsibilities would be. A number of lapel pins
14 for clerks to wear so that customers would be aware
15 of the fact that that store is serious about
16 observing the law. This was a calendar, and I think
17 you've probably seen similar ones in, for
18 example, liquor stores. It tells you how old you
19 have to be in order to buy tobacco products in that
20 store. And there is additional training material for
21 the retailer and for the retailer's employees and
22 additional signage that can be placed on the window,
23 on the glass door, on the cash register. And then,
24 obviously, order forms for more material in case the
25 retailer needs additional supplies.

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1 Q. And was this kit, 000149, distributed to
2 retailers in the state of Minnesota?
3 A. Yes, sir, it's been distributed to retailers in
4 Minnesota. I think about 14,000 of these kits have
5 gone to retailers here.
6 Q. Now we talked a moment ago about the speech that
7 you made at the National Press Club. Have you made
8 other speeches that have dealt with The Tobacco
9 Institute's policy that youth shouldn't smoke?
10 A. Yes, sir.
11 Q. Personally?
12 A. Yes, sir, I have.
13 Q. Throughout various parts of the United States?
14 A. Yes, sir. I've traveled extensively to do that.
15 Q. Have you ever come to Minnesota to talk about
16 that program?
17 A. I have.
18 Q. When was that?
19 A. Mrs. Davidson and I had been in Minnesota on
20 more than one occasion in the 1980s to speak about
21 the industry's anti-youth-smoking projects.
22 Q. And what did you do when you were here in
23 Minnesota?
24 A. We talked to reporters for radio and television
25 stations and newspapers.

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1 Q. And did you talk with anyone else when you were
2 here in Minnesota, representatives of the state of
3 Minnesota?
4 A. Yes. I have personally had a meeting with a
5 representative of the Minnesota State Department of
6 Health.
7 Q. And what was that person's name?
8 A. Mark Skubic, I believe.
9 Q. And tell us about your meeting with Mr. Skubic.
10 What -- what happened?
11 A. It was a meeting to give him some of the details
12 of the tobacco industry's involvement in these
13 projects, in these programs to try to discourage
14 youth smoking, and so I gave him a briefing on what
15 the industry had done, what we had accomplished so

16 far, what we were looking forward to in the future.
17 Q. Did you provide any materials to Mr. Skubic when
18 you met with him?
19 A. I believe I did, yes, sir.
20 Q. What did you provide?
21 A. Copies of our booklets.
22 Q. The Helping Youth Decide booklets?
23 A. Yes, sir.
24 Q. Do you have any idea how many you gave him?
25 A. No, I don't recall.

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1 Q. Okay. Now is The Tobacco Institute still today,
2 in 1998, involved in a campaign to -- involving youth
3 smoking?
4 A. Well yes, sir, we are. We certainly are.
5 Q. And are you personally continuing to be involved
6 in that?
7 A. I am.
8 Q. Has anyone from any of the member tobacco
9 companies ever discouraged you or The Tobacco
10 Institute from engaging in these programs?
11 A. No, sir, not to the best of my knowledge.
12 Q. Have you ever received any indication from any
13 of the people with whom you meet that the members of
14 The Tobacco Institute were not fully behind the
15 programs?
16 A. No, sir.
17 Q. Have they told you that they were, in fact were
18 behind the program?
19 A. Absolutely.

20 MR. CIRESI: Objection, calls for hearsay,
21 Your Honor.

22 THE COURT: You may answer that.
23 A. Absolutely they have, yes, sir.

24 Q. Now Mr. Ciresi asked you a number of questions
25 about The Tobacco Institute's public statements with

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1 regard to smoking and health. You remember those
2 questions?
3 A. Yes, sir.
4 Q. Does The Tobacco Institute today in 1998 issue
5 press releases and publications dealing with smoking
6 and health?
7 A. No, sir, we don't.
8 Q. How --
9 When did you stop doing that?
10 A. Well I think the last time I recall we issued
11 anything was in the early 1980s.
12 Q. You'd still respond to inquiries from people
13 about the Institute's position if they asked; is that
14 right?
15 A. Yes, sir. If a reporter called and asked for
16 our opinion on a smoking-and-health issue, if it was
17 something that I could respond to, I would.
18 Q. But you don't prepare and issue on your own
19 press releases or public statements, and haven't for
20 several years; is that right?

21 A. That is correct.
22 Q. And why is that? Why -- why don't you do it any
23 more?
24 A. Well it seemed that there was less and less
25 interest in the subject as the American public
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1 believed that smoking caused disease.
2 MR. CIRESI: I'm going to object to his
3 conclusion as to what the American public thought.
4 There's no foundation.
5 THE COURT: Sustained.
6 MR. BLEAKLEY: Your Honor, this -- Your
7 Honor, this is being offered for the state of mind of
8 Mr. Merryman and The Tobacco Institute and not for
9 the purpose of proving, in fact, what the public knew
10 or believed.
11 THE COURT: Sustained.
12 BY MR. BLEAKLEY:
13 Q. Now I want to ask you a couple of questions
14 about documents that Mr. Ciresi showed you during his
15 direct -- during his cross-examination, one of which
16 is Trial Exhibit 18089. I'm not sure which of those
17 books it's in.
18 MR. CIRESI: The number again, counsel.
19 MR. BLEAKLEY: 18089.
20 MR. CIRESI: It would be in volume two.
21 MR. BLEAKLEY: Volume two? Thank you.
22 A. I have it, sir.
23 Q. Do you remember being shown that --
24 A. Yes, sir.
25 A. -- exhibit by Mr. Ciresi?

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1 A. Yes, sir, I do.
2 Q. And do you remember being asked by Mr. Ciresi
3 whether Philip Morris ever showed you that document?
4 A. Yes, sir.
5 Q. And do you remember being asked whether or not
6 The Tobacco Institute had ever disclosed the contents
7 of that document to the public or to Congress?
8 A. I recall that question, yes, sir.
9 Q. Now this exhibit, Trial Exhibit 18089, is a
10 document written by William L. Dunn, Jr., Philip
11 Morris Research Center, Richmond, Virginia.
12 Do you know Mr. Dunn?
13 A. No, sir.
14 Q. Do you know what he does?
15 A. No, sir.
16 Q. Do you know what purpose he had when he wrote
17 this document?
18 A. No, I don't, sir.
19 Q. Do you know who attended this conference that
20 Mr. Dunn was talking about in this document?
21 A. No, I don't, sir.
22 Q. Do you know whether in fact this conference that
23 Mr. Dunn is writing about was a Philip Morris
24 conference?
25 A. No, I don't know that, sir.

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1 Q. Do you know, for example, looking at page two,
2 when Mr. Dunn says, "In January 1972, the Dutch side
3 of St. Martin was invaded by an unlikely party of
4 twenty-five scientists," do you know whether those
5 scientists were Philip Morris scientists or whether
6 they were scientists from all across the country?
7 A. I do not know, sir.
8 Q. Do you know whether the pharmacologists,
9 sociologists, anthropologists and psychologists
10 referred to were Philip Morris employees?
11 A. No, sir, I do not.
12 Q. So far as you know, they were not Philip Morris
13 employees.
14 MR. CIRESI: Well objection, calls for
15 speculation. He just said he didn't know who they
16 were.
17 THE COURT: Sustained.
18 BY MR. BLEAKLEY:
19 Q. Do you know what the Philip Morris Research
20 Center is?
21 A. I've heard the name, and I believe I've seen the
22 building from the highway, but that would be about
23 the extent of my knowledge.
24 Q. Do you know how many employees there are in the
25 Philip Morris Research Center?

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1 A. No, sir, I don't.
2 Q. Do you know whether there are other scientists
3 in the Philip Morris Research Center besides Mr.
4 Dunn?
5 A. I don't know anything about the center, sir.
6 Q. Do you know whether other scientists in the
7 Philip Morris Research Center have the same views
8 that Mr. Dunn expressed in this document?
9 MR. CIRESI: Objection, no foundation. He
10 just said he didn't know anything about the center.
11 THE COURT: Sustained.
12 Q. Do you know whether Philip Morris as a company
13 endorsed the views expressed in this document?
14 A. No, sir, I don't know.
15 Q. Do you have any idea why Mr. Dunn wrote this
16 document?
17 A. No, sir.
18 MR. CIRESI: Objection, Your Honor, no
19 foundation. He already disqualified himself.
20 THE COURT: He's answered it.
21 Q. Do you know what was done with this document
22 after it was written?
23 A. No, sir.
24 Q. Have you ever spoken to Mr. Dunn about this
25 document?

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1 A. No, sir.

2 Q. Do you remember being asked by Mr. Ciresi about
3 the statement in this document, "Smoke is beyond
4 question the most optimized vehicle of nicotine and
5 the cigarette the most optimized dispenser of smoke?"
6 A. Yes, sir.
7 Q. And you said you'd never seen that before?
8 A. That is correct.
9 Q. Take a look, if you would, at the next paragraph
10 of that exhibit, which reads, "Lest anyone be made
11 unduly apprehensive about this drug-like
12 conceptualization of the cigarette, let me hasten to
13 point out that there are many other vehicles of
14 sought-after agents which dispense in dose units:
15 Wine is the vehicle and dispenser of alcohol, tea and
16 coffee are the vehicles and dispensers of caffeine,
17 matches dispense dose units of heat, and money is the
18 storage container, vehicle and dose-dispenser of many
19 things." Do you see that?
20 A. Yes, sir, I do.
21 Q. Had you ever seen that before either?
22 A. No, sir, I had not.
23 Q. So you don't have any knowledge whatsoever of
24 why this document was prepared, what use was made of
25 it by Philip Morris or anyone else; is that right?

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1 A. That is correct, sir.
2 Q. Okay. Now you were asked yesterday by Mr.
3 Ciresi some questions about the Auerbach smoking dog
4 study. Do you remember that?
5 A. Yes, sir, I do.
6 Q. And you were shown a number of exhibits,
7 including Exhibit 18325, The Tobacco Institute
8 release concerning the Auerbach smoking dog study.
9 Do you remember that?
10 A. Yes, sir, I do.
11 Q. Now let me ask you a couple questions about
12 this.
13 To your knowledge, has any scientist ever been
14 able to replicate the results of the Auerbach smoking
15 dog study?

MR. CIRESI: Objection, no foundation.

MR. BLEAKLEY: Your Honor, --

THE COURT: You'll have to --

MR. BLEAKLEY: -- he was asked extensive
questions about this and his understanding.

THE COURT: Well you'll have to lay a
foundation for the question.

MR. BLEAKLEY: All right. Thank you.

BY MR. BLEAKLEY:

25 Q. Did The Tobacco Institute follow what was being

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1 said in the medical and scientific literature about
2 the Auerbach smoking dog study after it was published
3 and when this press release came out?
4 A. I believe we did, sir.
5 Q. And did you follow, for example, what was said
6 by the Surgeon General of the United States about

7 this study in the 1982 Surgeon General's report?
8 A. Yes, sir.
9 Q. And in the 1982 Surgeon General's report, did
10 the Surgeon General of the United States endorse the
11 Auerbach smoking dog study?
12 A. No, sir, he did not.
13 Q. And in the course of following the Auerbach
14 smoking dog study, was the Tobacco Institute aware of
15 whether or not any scientist has ever been able to
16 replicate the results of that study?
17 MR. CIRESI: Still no foundation, Your
18 Honor.
19 THE COURT: You'll have to lay further
20 foundation.
21 BY MR. BLEAKLEY:
22 Q. Did you and The Tobacco Institute follow the
23 medical literature in order to determine whether any
24 other scientist was able to replicate that study?
25 A. We did.

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1 Q. And did you find that any other medical
2 scientist, any other scientist has ever been able to
3 replicate that study?
4 A. To the best of my knowledge as a layman, I'd say
5 that there's been no repeat or replication of this
6 study.
7 MR. CIRESI: Move to strike, no foundation.
8 THE COURT: That answer will be stricken.
9 MR. BLEAKLEY: At this time, Your Honor, if
10 it hasn't already been offered, I'd like to offer the
11 1982 Surgeon General's report which the parties have
12 agreed can be admitted. I can't remember, frankly,
13 whether it's already been placed in evidence or not.
14 THE COURT: I believe it is.
15 MR. BLEAKLEY: The 1982?
16 MR. CIRESI: Well, we've stipulated that
17 they're all in evidence. This one was not designated
18 to be used with this witness, but we have no
19 objection to it, Your Honor.
20 THE COURT: It will be received.
21 Why don't we take a short recess at this time.
22 THE CLERK: Court stands in recess.
23 (Recess taken.)
24 THE CLERK: All rise. Court is again in
25 session.

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1 (Jury enters the courtroom.)
2 (Side-bar discussion as follows:)
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9 (Side-bar discussion concluded.)
10 THE COURT: Before we continue with the
11 testimony, members of the jury, I just want to

12 apprise you of the fact that next Monday is a -- I
13 believe it's a legal holiday, and so that you have
14 some advanced notice, you will not be required to be
15 here for trial. That day will be spent -- devoted to
16 legal motions by the parties, and the only ones that
17 need be present are the attorneys. And those
18 hearings will begin at 9:30 on Monday. So that when
19 you make your plans, you can plan on a long weekend
20 away from the case.

21 Go ahead, counsel.

22 MR. BLEAKLEY: Thank you, Your Honor.
23 Your Honor, at this time we would offer in
24 evidence the 1982 Surgeon General's report, which is
25 PYA000085.

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1 MR. CIRESI: No objection, Your Honor.

2 THE COURT: That will be received into
3 evidence.

4 BY MR. BLEAKLEY:

5 Q. I want to direct your attention, Mr. Merryman,
6 to page 184 of the 1982 Surgeon General's report,
7 Exhibit PYA000085, which is entitled "Inhalation
8 Studies." Reads, "Ideally, a suspected carcinogen
9 should be tested using the route of administration
10 corresponding to the exposure of humans. The
11 experimental induction of respiratory cancer with
12 tobacco smoke is beset with major difficulties
13 because of toxicity introduced by high carbon
14 monoxide concentrations (generally 3.5 to 5 volume
15 percent), and high levels of nicotine. Furthermore,
16 laboratory animals are not willing to inhale aerosols
17 very deeply and are especially reluctant to inhale
18 tobacco smoke. Inhalation studies have been explored
19 by training Rhesus monkeys and baboons to smoke
20 cigarettes. This approach does not produce
21 respiratory neoplasms because of insufficient
22 exposure time and because of the tendency of the
23 animals merely to puff rather than to inhale.

24 "Invasive and noninvasive bronchoalveolar tumors
25 developed in several of 78 dogs that were trained to

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1 smoke through a tracheostoma and that smoked
2 cigarettes daily for about two and a half years. In
3 a group of 24 dogs that smoked nonfilter cigarettes,
4 2 animals developed early invasive squamous-cell
5 carcinoma in the bronchi. However, this observation
6 has not been repeated so far."

7 Do you see that from the 1982 Surgeon General's
8 report?

9 A. Yes, sir, I do.

10 Q. And you had seen this in the 1982 Surgeon
11 General's report; is that right?

12 A. Yes, sir.

13 Q. And this followed the press release issued by
14 The Tobacco Institute criticizing the Auerbach
15 smoking dog study; is that right?

16 A. Yes, sir, that's correct.

17 MR. BLEAKLEY: I have no further questions,
18 Your Honor.
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1 RE-ADVERSE EXAMINATION
2 BY MR. CIRESI:
3 Q. Good morning, Mr. Merryman.
4 A. Good morning, sir.
5 Q. How are you today?
6 A. Fine, sir. And you?
7 Q. Good. Good. I'm fine, thank you.
8 Can we go back to the Surgeon General's report
9 that you were just looking at. Mr. Bleakley directed
10 your attention to the portion of the report which
11 says, "However, this observation has not been
12 repeated so far." Correct?
13 A. Correct, sir.
14 Q. Now what was being reported there in the Surgeon
15 General's report was that the specific test that was
16 conducted by Drs. Hammond and Auerbach had not been
17 repeated; correct?
18 A. I believe that's correct.
19 Q. But of course the Attorney General pointed out
20 all kinds of inhalation studies that had been
21 completed in other animals in that section of the
22 report; did they not?
23 A. The Surgeon General? Yes, sir.
24 Q. Yes.
25 And in that portion of the report it was

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1 disclosed that other animal studies showed the
2 development of precancerous and cancerous conditions;
3 didn't it?
4 A. There were reports -- there were summaries of
5 other reports, yes, sir.
6 Q. And do you know if American Tobacco or Philip
7 Morris provided their information that they had from
8 the Auerbach-Hammond report to the Surgeon General?
9 A. I don't know what the companies may have
10 provided to the Surgeon General, no, sir.
11 Q. Sir, there is no reference in the Surgeon
12 General's report that the internal information of the
13 companies was provided; is there?
14 A. Not that I'm aware of, no, sir.
15 Q. And when you read it, you didn't see any
16 reference to the fact that the companies provided
17 their internal information to the Surgeon General;
18 did you?
19 A. I have not seen that, no, sir.
20 Q. And sir, if you go to -- I think it may be
21 volume one -- or it may be volume two of the

22 documents I gave you, it's Exhibit 21905. You'll see
23 it on the outside. It would be volume two, sir.
24 A. I think I have it. 21905?
25 Q. Correct.

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1 A. Yes.
2 Q. That's the Gallaher study; correct?
3 A. It is a document from Gallaher Limited, yes,
4 sir.
5 Q. The one we looked at yesterday; correct?
6 A. It is.
7 Q. And can you direct your attention to page four.
8 You'll recall we looked at that yesterday; did we
9 not?
10 A. We did, yes, sir.
11 Q. In the last paragraph in this document of
12 Gallaher, which went to American Tobacco, it's
13 reported that there are other experimental studies
14 going on, run by several independent research
15 laboratories; isn't that right?
16 A. It does make reference to other ongoing work,
17 yes, sir.
18 Q. And each one of which was of a very high
19 caliber; correct?
20 A. That's the view of the author of this document,
21 yes, sir.
22 Q. Now did The American Tobacco Company or Philip
23 Morris report that to the Surgeon General, if you
24 know?
25 A. I don't know, sir.

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1 Q. You didn't see any reference to it when you read
2 the Surgeon General's report; did you?
3 A. No, I did not.
4 Q. You really didn't read the Surgeon General's
5 report; did you, sir?
6 A. I read many of the Surgeon General's reports,
7 yes, sir.
8 Q. Did you read that Surgeon General's report
9 though?
10 A. I did.
11 Q. Let me ask you this: Did you read that section
12 or was it pointed out to you by your lawyers?
13 A. Both, sir.
14 Q. And when it was pointed out by your lawyers, you
15 read it; is that right?
16 A. I read it, yes, sir. I read it previous to that
17 as well.
18 Q. What other part of the Surgeon General report of
19 1992 did you read?
20 A. Did you say '92, sir?
21 Q. Excuse me, '82.
22 A. When the report first came out I recall reading
23 several portions of it, sir.
24 Q. How did you know which portions to read and
25 which ones not to read?

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- 1 A. I skimmed through it and read extensively those
2 portions which seemed to interest me at the time.
3 Q. Why did the smoke inhalation section interest
4 you at the time?
5 A. I don't recall that that specific section
6 interested me at the time, sir.
7 Q. Well that's the one that you pointed out here
8 today that you had read; isn't that right?
9 A. Yes, sir.
10 Q. Is the first time you read it when it was
11 pointed out to you by counsel or --
12 A. No, sir.
13 A. -- back in 1982?
14 A. No, sir. I certainly was aware of it in 1982.
15 Q. That wasn't my question. Did you read it in
16 1982?
17 A. Yes, sir.
18 Q. Okay. Then what drew your attention to that
19 section?
20 A. I simply was interested in it. I don't happen
21 to recall the reasoning why I was interested in it.
22 Q. Isn't it fair to state you wanted to know
23 whether there were biological tests going on in which
24 cancer was being developed as a result of cigarette
25 smoke, that's why you read it?

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- 1 A. As I said, sir, I don't recall specifically why
2 I read it in 1982.
3 Q. That's what the section is about; isn't it, Mr.
4 Merryman?
5 A. That's what part --
6 That's what that section of the report is about,
7 yes, sir.
8 Q. Then isn't it fair for an objective person,
9 judging your testimony, to conclude that the reason
10 you read it is because you wanted to know whether
11 there were studies being conducted on animals which
12 showed that cancer was being developed as a result of
13 cigarette smoke? Isn't that reasonable to conclude?
14 MR. BLEAKLEY: Objection, Your Honor,
15 that's argumentative.
16 THE COURT: It is argumentative.
17 Q. Sir, isn't that the reason you read it, because
18 you wanted to know whether or not animal studies were
19 being done which would show the development of cancer
20 as a result of exposure to cigarette smoke?
21 A. I can't honestly sit here today and tell you why
22 I may have read something in 1982, sir.
23 Q. But you will agree that that's all that that
24 section is directed to; isn't that right?
25 A. Yes, sir.

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- 1 Q. Now the tobacco companies conducted other
2 in-house studies; didn't they?

3 A. I assume that the tobacco companies do in-house
4 research, sir.
5 MR. CIRESI: May I approach, Your Honor?
6 (Document handed to the witness.)
7 MR. BLEAKLEY: Do we know what exhibit is
8 being used?
9 (Document handed to Mr. Bleakley.)
10 BY MR. CIRESI:
11 Q. Now sir, I've handed you a document which is
12 marked 10465, it's dated December 15th, 1969, it's an
13 R. J. Reynolds document, carbon copies to Osdene and
14 Wakeham, it's from Mr. Carpenter from a Mr.
15 Weissbecker.
16 Have you seen this document before?
17 A. No, sir.
18 MR. CIRESI: Your Honor, we'd offer Exhibit
19 10465.
20 MR. BLEAKLEY: I'm advised by counsel, Your
21 Honor, that this is not an R. J. Reynolds document.
22 MR. CIRESI: Well --
23 MR. BLEAKLEY: And therefore we object to
24 the receipt of the document on the grounds of lack of
25 foundation.

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1 MR. CIRESI: Your Honor, it's recross.
2 They did not advise us of the Surgeon General's
3 report, they did not advise us of another document
4 that was used. This is recross, and it was opened up
5 by his testimony with regard to the Surgeon General's
6 report. And I think I misspoke and said it was an
7 RJR document; it's a Philip Morris document.
8 THE COURT: Well, I would intend to allow
9 its introduction if I could read what it said. The
10 second page that I have is backwards, reversed, and
11 upside down.
12 MR. CIRESI: I'm -- I'm only offering the
13 first page, Your Honor.
14 (Laughter.)
15 MR. CIRESI: Mine is similar to yours, and
16 I will remove the second page.
17 THE COURT: I'll feel much more comfortable
18 then.
19 MR. CIRESI: Which I believe, Your Honor,
20 is just the same as the first page, but when we
21 copied it at the break, it was reversed.
22 THE COURT: All right. Court will receive
23 10465.

24 And I should also mention yesterday that the
25 defendant did introduce Exhibit A2008005, and the
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1 record should show that that has been received into
2 evidence.
3 MR. WEBER: I think that was AZ, Your
4 Honor.
5 THE COURT: I'm sorry, AZ, right.
6 MR. WEBER: Thank you.
7 THE COURT: Okay.

8 BY MR. CIRESI:
9 Q. Now sir, you have Exhibit 10465 in front of you?
10 A. Yes, sir, I do.
11 Q. And does this report "RJR's Biological Research
12 Program," a Philip Morris document?
13 A. That's the title of it, yes, sir, "RJR's
14 Biological Research Program."
15 MR. BLEAKLEY: Objection, Your Honor, the
16 document does not say it's a Philip Morris document.
17 I object to Mr. Ciresi characterizing a document.
18 MR. CIRESI: Well, Your Honor, this
19 document was produced out of Philip Morris's files.
20 THE COURT: All right.
21 MR. CIRESI: Bears their number.
22 THE COURT: You'll have to rephrase your
23 question, though, counsel.
24 BY MR. CIRESI:
25 Q. I want you to assume it's a Philip Morris
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1 document. Can you do that, sir?
2 A. All right, sir.
3 Q. And you know that Dr. Osdene and Dr. Wakeham are
4 Philip Morris employees?
5 A. I believe they were, yes, sir.
6 Q. And do you know if Mr. Carpenter and Mr.
7 Weissbecker were Philip Morris employees?
8 A. Those names are not familiar to me, sir.
9 Q. Now do you see here that it's reporting that Mr.
10 Weissbecker met with Dr. Price from R. J. Reynolds at
11 a CTR-USA meeting on December 11th and 12th?
12 A. Yes, sir.
13 Q. And do you see that he's reporting that Dr.
14 Price had mentioned doing chronic cigarette smoke
15 exposure studies with rats?
16 A. I see that.
17 Q. And you see that he then reports what the nature
18 of the study was, with the animals receiving up to
19 500 cigarettes, and emphysema was produced?
20 A. That's what he says.
21 Q. And do you see that Dr. Price was also
22 expressing an interest in nicotine pharmacology and
23 that his work was integrating with their packaging
24 toxicity work?
25 A. I see that, yes, sir.

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1 Q. And do you see that he was also -- they hired
2 the wife of an instructor from the Bowman Gray School
3 of Medicine, and that she was doing research with
4 lung macrophages?
5 A. I see that.
6 Q. And do you see that Dr. Price reported that he
7 was interested in learning about the gas
8 chromatographic profile of cigarette smoke within
9 animal exposure chambers?
10 A. That's what's in the bottom, yes, sir.
11 Q. And an animal exposure chamber is a lung;
12 correct?

13 A. I don't know, sir.
14 Q. And do you know, sir, that when Philip Morris
15 found out about this, their CEO called RJR's CEO and
16 demanded that this be shut down because it was in
17 violation of an agreement between the companies that
18 they would not do in-house biological research?
19 MR. BLEAKLEY: Objection, Your Honor,
20 that's argumentative, beyond the scope of direct,
21 beyond the scope of cross.
22 THE COURT: It's -- I don't believe it's
23 argumentative, but it is beyond the scope.
24 MR. CIRESI: Well Your Honor, they were
25 talking about biological research, and that's why
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1 I've addressed this issue.
2 THE COURT: The last question is beyond the
3 scope, counsel.
4 BY MR. CIRESI:
5 Q. Are you aware of whether the companies were
6 doing in-house biological research?
7 MR. BLEAKLEY: It's been asked and answered
8 several times in this testimony before, Your Honor.
9 THE COURT: You can answer that.
10 A. No, sir, I'm not.
11 Q. Were you aware of an issue relating to the Mouse
12 House at Philip -- or at R. J. Reynolds?
13 A. I've heard of that in litigation, sir, but
14 that's all.
15 Q. You've read about it in the papers; haven't you?
16 MR. BLEAKLEY: Your Honor, this is beyond
17 the scope of Mr. -- my examination and Mr. Ciresi's
18 examination.
19 THE COURT: No, I think -- I think this
20 is -- I think this is the area that you opened up on.
21 MR. BLEAKLEY: No, Your Honor. I was --
22 my -- what I opened up --
23 THE COURT: Counsel --
24 MR. BLEAKLEY: -- was the Auerbach smoking
25 dog study.

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1 THE COURT: Counsel, I think what was
2 opened up was the experiment on animals, and I'm
3 going to allow it.
4 MR. CIRESI: Can I have the question back,
5 please?
6 (Record read by the court reporter.)
7 A. I don't recall if I've read about it in the
8 newspapers.
9 Q. But you have an awareness of that issue; don't
10 you?
11 A. Vague and general, yes, sir.
12 Q. And your vague and general awareness is that
13 Philip Morris demanded that RJR shut down the
14 in-house biological research because it was contrary
15 to an agreement not to do such research; isn't that
16 right, sir?
17 MR. BLEAKLEY: Objection, Your Honor, it's

18 beyond the scope and it's argumentative.
19 THE COURT: It is beyond the scope.
20 Sustained.
21 Q. Do you know if RJR shut down any biological
22 research that they were doing in 1970?
23 MR. BLEAKLEY: Same objection, Your Honor.
24 THE COURT: Sustained.
25 BY MR. CIRESI:
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1 Q. Now sir, you talked about the efforts on the
2 part of The Tobacco Institute, and I forget the
3 exhibit number, two --
4 MR. CIRESI: Do you have the demonstrative
5 exhibit number, counsel?
6 MR. BLEAKLEY: It's 2803, I think.
7 MR. CIRESI: 2803.
8 Q. 2803. Do you remember which one it was, sir?
9 A. Yes, sir.
10 Q. Now what you were saying, as I take it, is that
11 you were going out and speaking on behalf of The
12 Tobacco Institute with regard to children smoking; is
13 that right?
14 A. My personal appearances were part of a much
15 larger program, yes, sir.
16 Q. And you've told us about Exhibit 341, which was
17 part of the literature that went out; is that right?
18 A. Which one was that, sir?
19 Q. Defendants' Exhibit 341. It would be in the
20 defendants' book.
21 A. Yes, sir.
22 Q. You recall all those exhibits. Helping Youth
23 Say No, Exhibit 3227, remember that one?
24 A. Yes, sir.
25 Q. Helping Youth Decide, the last three numbers
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1 were Exhibit 233, you remember that?
2 A. I do.
3 Q. You remember the scope and activities of The
4 Tobacco Institute, remember that exhibit?
5 A. I do, sir.
6 Q. And then you remember your speech which was
7 Exhibit 531?
8 A. Yes, sir, I remember that.
9 Q. Okay. Now can you point the ladies and
10 gentlemen of the jury to that portion of any of those
11 exhibits where you tell people, particularly youth,
12 that smoking is addictive?
13 A. I don't believe there's any reference in those
14 documents to that, sir.
15 Q. Can you point where in any of those documents
16 you tell youth that smoking causes diseases such as
17 cancer, emphysema, et cetera? Where do you say that
18 here?
19 A. I don't believe there's any such reference to
20 that in those documents, sir.
21 Q. Can you tell us where in any of these documents
22 you say that the tobacco companies manipulate

23 nicotine in order to addict people?
24 A. There is nothing in those documents that has to
25 do with nicotine, sir. That's not the purpose of
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1 those documents.
2 Q. The purpose was to educate youth; wasn't it?
3 A. The purpose of the brochures that we distributed
4 was to assist parents in helping youngsters to avoid
5 bad decisions.
6 Q. So these were directed to parents; is that
7 right?
8 A. Those brochures were certainly directed to
9 parents and others who had regular contact with
10 youngsters, yes, sir.
11 Q. Where do you tell the parents, then, that
12 nicotine is addictive in those documents?
13 A. There is no place in those documents where such
14 a statement appears, sir.
15 Q. Where do you tell them that you manipulate
16 nicotine?
17 A. That's not in there.
18 Q. Where do you tell them that the cigarette is a
19 drug-delivery device?
20 A. Certainly I wouldn't expect that to be there
21 either, sir.
22 Q. Where do you tell the parents that cigarette
23 smoking causes lung cancer, emphysema, larynx cancer,
24 et cetera? Where do you say that?
25 A. That's not there because we weren't attempting
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1 to give people a health-education message, we were
2 attempting to give parents and others who work with
3 youngsters some good, solid ideas on how to help kids
4 avoid bad decisions and help them avoid peer
5 pressure.
6 Q. You weren't attempting to tell them about health
7 issues; is that right? Is that what you said?
8 A. It was the information we had that the American
9 public and even youngsters, according to the Surgeon
10 General, believed that smoking was hazardous to
11 health.
12 Q. That's not what I asked you.
13 You weren't --
14 A. You were --
15 Q. You weren't trying to tell them about health
16 issues; were you, sir?
17 A. No, the -- the purpose of those -- of those
18 brochures, those booklets, was to give parents the
19 information on how they could help their kids make
20 better decisions growing up, whether it was
21 cigarettes or drinking or drugs or other things that
22 they might encounter.
23 Q. Is your answer no? You weren't trying to tell
24 them about health issues; were you?
25 A. No, that wasn't the purposes of those brochures.
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1 Q. So your answer is no; is that right?

2 A. That's correct.

3 Q. So you weren't in those documents discharging
4 your responsibility of accepting an interest in
5 people's health as a basic responsibility, paramount
6 to every other consideration in our business; is that
7 right? You weren't doing that in those documents;
8 were you, sir?

9 A. The documents were not meant to address health
10 concerns. We thought that those documents could be
11 better used -- those brochures could be better used
12 to give parents useful information on how to guide
13 their kids.

14 Q. And sir, the fact is the amount of money spent
15 promoting and marketing the cigarettes vastly
16 exceeded what was spent on any of these programs;
17 didn't it?

18 A. As I -- as I said before, I believe in response
19 to your line of questioning on that issue, I haven't
20 added up what the marketing budgets were for the
21 tobacco companies in any combination of years.

22 Q. Well let's take a look at some of them. Turn to
23 Exhibit 20177.

24 THE REPORTER: 20177?

25 MR. CIRESI: Correct. 20177. Let me hand
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1 up copies of it for you, sir.

2 May I approach, Your Honor?

3 (Document handed to the witness.)

4 THE WITNESS: Thanks.

5 MR. CIRESI: You're welcome.

6 MR. CIRESI: Your Honor, we'd offer Exhibit
7 20177. They are three demonstrative exhibits --
8 excuse me, three summaries pursuant to 1006, based on
9 interrogatory answers provided by the defendants
10 under oath in this case.

11 MR. BLEAKLEY: I'm sorry. You were
12 offering that?

13 MR. CIRESI: Yes.

14 MR. BLEAKLEY: No objection.

15 THE COURT: Court will receive 20177.

16 BY MR. CIRESI:

17 Q. Now the first exhibit, sir, is R. J. Reynolds.
18 We'll also put it up on the screen.

19 Now this shows youth prevention expenditures,
20 based on answers to interrogatories, by Philip
21 Morris --

22 MR. CIRESI: I apologize for that.

23 Q. -- for the period 1983 to 1994. Do you see
24 that?

25 A. I do.

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1 Q. And during that period of time Philip Morris, in
2 those eleven years, spent 15,914,336,845 dollars for
3 advertising, marketing and promotion. Do you see

4 that?
5 A. Yes, sir.
6 Q. And what they spent -- that little sliver there
7 is what they spent on youth prevention, 20,818,740
8 dollars. Do you see that?
9 A. Yes, I see it.
10 Q. Now as a communicator, one who is involved in
11 TV, one who has communicated on behalf of the
12 industry, you would admit that saturation through the
13 devotion of resources has an impact; doesn't it, sir?
14 A. Yes, sir.
15 Q. And you would agree that there is a vast
16 disparity over an eleven-year period between almost
17 16 billion dollars and a little bit under 21 million
18 dollars; wouldn't you?
19 A. There is a difference in the figures. There's
20 also a difference in what that money is spent for.
21 Q. And if it's spent for advertising, marketing and
22 promoting, that's promoting, advertising and
23 marketing of cigarettes; isn't it?
24 A. Yes. And as I understand it from the Federal
25 Trade Commission reports, the vast majority of that

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1 money is in coupons and -- and slotting allowances.
2 Q. You mean you give coupons, you give hats,
3 jackets, other paraphernalia; isn't that right?
4 A. Well the coupons are generally for cents-off
5 promotions. They're not --
6 Q. So --
7 A. They're not advertising as we might think of
8 advertising in the usual sense.
9 Q. Well they're advertising according to Philip
10 Morris in its sworn answers to interrogatories.
11 A. This is advertising, marketing and promoting.
12 Q. Right. And it is --
13 A. Coupons I don't think can be fairly regarded as
14 advertising.
15 Q. And is it fair to state, sir, that children
16 generally have less money than do adults?
17 A. I don't know if they do or not, but I suppose as
18 a general proposition one could say that.
19 Q. Now let's take a look at what RJR did during
20 that period of time.
21 Do you have the RJR up there, sir?
22 A. Yes.
23 Q. Now RJR, during the same period 1983 to 1994,
24 spent 6,132,810,796 dollars on advertising, marketing
25 and promotion; correct?

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1 A. Yes, sir.
2 Q. And what they spent on youth prevention
3 expenditures during that eleven-year period was
4 19,099,617 dollars; correct?
5 A. Yes, sir.
6 Q. Again, a vast disparity in resources; correct?
7 A. There is a difference in the numbers, yes, sir.
8 Q. Vast difference; isn't there, sir?

9 A. There -- there is a difference in the numbers.
10 Q. You wouldn't agree it's vast.
11 A. Certainly substantial. And I think there's good
12 reasons for it.
13 Q. Now sir, let's take a look at Brown & Williamson
14 during the same period of time. Do you have that
15 there?
16 A. Yes, I do, sir.
17 Q. Now Brown & Williamson during that eleven-year
18 period spent 4,995,213,427 dollars on advertising,
19 marketing and promotion; correct?
20 A. Yes, sir.
21 Q. And what they spent on youth prevention was
22 642,805 dollars; correct?
23 A. That is correct.
24 Q. Again, a vast disparity between the two;
25 correct, sir?

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1 A. That certainly is a large disparity, yes, sir.
2 Q. Well let me use your definition. It's a
3 substantial disparity; correct?
4 A. Certainly.
5 Q. Now during that same period of time, sir, The
6 Tobacco Institute was fighting legislation in each
7 and every state that would have prevented youth
8 smoking; wasn't it?
9 A. I don't recall that we were fighting legislation
10 that would have prevented youth smoking, sir.
11 Q. Can you direct your attention to Exhibit 14488.
12 That's going to be in the larger book, sir, volume
13 two.
14 Do you have it?
15 A. Yes, sir, I have it.
16 Q. This is a Tobacco Institute document; isn't it?
17 A. It appears to be.
18 Q. Mr. Mozingo is the senior vice-president for
19 tobacco activities?
20 A. Mr. Mozingo, I believe at the time, was senior
21 vice-president for state activities.
22 Q. Okay. And Mr. Brozek was a Minnesota Tobacco
23 Institute operative; was he not?
24 A. I believe Mr. Brozek was regional
25 vice-president. He wasn't based in Minnesota.

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1 Q. Did he have Minnesota under his authority, sir?
2 A. I believe he did.
3 MR. CIRESI: Your Honor, we'd offer Exhibit
4 14488.
5 MR. BLEAKLEY: No objection.
6 THE COURT: Court will receive 14488.
7 BY MR. CIRESI:
8 Q. First of all, we see on the title page that it's
9 to Mr. Mozingo from Mr. Brozek, and it's called
10 "minnesota Legislative Status;" correct?
11 A. Yes, sir, it is.
12 Q. Now if I could direct your attention, first of
13 all, to the "BACKGROUND" of this memorandum, I'd like

14 to read a part, then ask you some questions.
15 "Since January, as you know, the situation in
16 Minnesota has become 'uncommonly active'. A raft of
17 legislative issues in the form of taxation,
18 regulation and prohibitions have found their way
19 through the Minnesota legislative process. The
20 39-point Technical Advisory Committee Report on
21 Non-smoking and Health, introduced in November, held
22 the promise of 39 separate legislative proposals to
23 be advanced through both houses. This report, a
24 revolutionary attack on our industry, was championed
25 not only by anti-industry organizations, but also the

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1 strong direct lobbying of the Minnesota Department of
2 Health. The ink was not yet dry on this report
3 before our lobbyists initiated an aggressive and
4 focused effort in communication with legislative
5 leadership and targeted key legislative activities.
6 This effort was successful in preventing a majority
7 of the report from seeing its way from the drafting
8 board to the legislators' hands."

9 Now did I read that correctly?

10 A. You did.

11 Q. And sir, in 1985, while you were a member of The
12 Tobacco Institute, an aggressive campaign was
13 instituted by the industry to kill bills in the
14 Minnesota legislature which would have prevented
15 youth smoking; isn't that right, sir?

16 A. That's not what this document says, no, sir.

17 Q. It doesn't say that. Well let's go through the
18 document and see if it does or doesn't.

19 Do you know if it was directed to killing bills
20 which would have funded health-related expenses
21 caused by smoking?

22 A. I'd have to read the document, sir, in order to
23 tell you what it says. I have not done that.

24 Q. You've never seen this before?

25 A. I don't frankly recall if I've seen it or not.

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1 Q. It was one of the ones that we gave notice to
2 the other side that would be used in your
3 examination; wasn't it?

4 MR. BLEAKLEY: Your Honor, it doesn't make
5 any difference whether it was one. The question is
6 did he see it or didn't he see it.

7 THE COURT: Well that's a proper question.
8 He can answer that.

9 MR. BLEAKLEY: Well it's -- it suggests
10 somehow that there was an obligation on the part of
11 us to show him every document they identified as an
12 exhibit, and there is no such obligation.

13 THE COURT: Counsel, it does suggest that
14 there's no surprise.

15 MR. CIRESI: Can you answer the question?

16 THE WITNESS: I'd appreciate if I could
17 hear the question again.

18 Q. Was it one that was provided to counsel so you

19 would have an opportunity to look at it?
20 A. Apparently. It has an exhibit number on it.
21 Q. And you did look at documents that we gave
22 notice that we were going to be using with you during
23 your testimony; correct?
24 A. I was able to look at some of them, yes, sir.
25 Q. Okay. Were you able to look at this one?

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1 A. I don't recall that I did.
2 Q. Now can you go to the second page, and do you
3 see there there's a "STATUS" section?
4 A. Yes, sir, there is.
5 Q. It refers to Senate File 38, SF 38?
6 A. Yes, sir.
7 Q. And do you see that there's language in that
8 bill which was proposing increasing excise taxes,
9 earmarking those revenues for the state medical
10 assistance fund, that language contained in the
11 legislation referred to tobacco-related illnesses?
12 A. That's what it says.
13 Q. And do you see down below legislative program
14 action notes with regard to what the industry was
15 attempting to do with that bill?
16 A. Yes, sir, that's what it says.
17 Q. And it said "Efforts are continuing to kill this
18 bill in committee;" is that correct?
19 A. That's what it says.
20 Q. And down below that, the legislative
21 support/action notes, does it say the "Tobacco
22 Institute legislative counsels have been working
23 closely with one of two wholesaler organizations on
24 this particular bill. A more subtle and less
25 bombastic approach has been utilized in order to

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1 prevent an overemphasis by Twin Cities media. No
2 further support group assistance is requested at this
3 time." Do you see that?
4 A. I see that.
5 Q. And The Tobacco Institute, as part of its
6 strategy to kill legislation relating to smoking and
7 health, utilizes other organizations and pays them
8 money for it; doesn't it?
9 A. We certainly have allies in legislative
10 confrontations, yes, sir.
11 Q. And you pay them money to be your ally; don't
12 you?
13 A. I think that's an improper characterization.
14 Q. Well, does money exchange --
15 Do you give them funds? I don't want to
16 mischaracterize it for you, Mr. Merryman. Does money
17 flow from the tobacco industry to these allies?
18 A. Well you're really beyond my area of expertise
19 as someone who's involved in -- as a spokesman for
20 the industry. That is an administrative area that I
21 don't have any information on.
22 Q. Are you saying that as you sit here on the
23 witness stand under oath, you don't know if money

24 flows from the industry to your allies to help defeat
25 legislation? Are you saying that?

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1 A. I don't have personal knowledge of that kind of
2 thing. I'm not involved in the state activities
3 division, I'm not an administrator of The Tobacco
4 Institute. I don't know what may or may not occur
5 with respect to that kind of thing that you're
6 referring to.

7 Q. Well you've heard that during your 21 career --
8 21-year career at The Tobacco Institute; haven't you?

9 A. Oh, this isn't the first time I've heard
10 somebody say something like that.

11 Q. And you've heard it from people in The Tobacco
12 Institute, that money is paid to your allies to help
13 defeat legislation; haven't you?

14 A. I don't recall.

15 Q. You don't deny that; do you?

16 A. If I don't recall it, I can't deny it.

17 Q. Now can you turn to the page which is numbered
18 five at the top. Now, do you see the bill
19 referenced, Senate File 776, House File 810?

20 A. Yes, I do.

21 Q. And in the Senate it was being sponsored by
22 Senator Nelson from Austin, a member of the DFL
23 party?

24 A. Yes, sir.

25 Q. And in the House it was being sponsored by

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1 Representative Quist, a member of the Republican
2 Party, and he's from St. Peter?

3 A. That's what it says.

4 Q. Okay. I want to read this and ask you some
5 questions about it. "This is Governor Perpich's
6 priority legislation. Bill would increase cigarette
7 tax by 15 cents per pack in order to segregate
8 revenues for youth education, community 'stop
9 smoking' programs, work place initiatives, sampling
10 ban, advertising bans," and then "sewer construction,
11 mosquito control" -- we have a lot of those here --
12 "and general mischief." Do you see that?

13 A. Yes, I see that.

14 Q. Now I -- I don't want to imply that the general
15 mischief relates to the tobacco industry. I'm not
16 saying that. Do you understand that?

17 A. I'm sure you wouldn't.

18 Q. Now with regard to the youth education,
19 community stop smoking programs, work place
20 initiatives, sampling bans, advertising bans, The
21 Tobacco Institute worked to defeat that measure;
22 didn't it?

23 A. The document speaks for itself in that regard.

24 Q. It says right there in the next paragraph, "It
25 is at the Finance Committee level that we hope to

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1 defeat this measure." Is that right?
2 A. That's what it says.
3 Q. Now when you were putting out these small sums
4 of money over eleven years for youth prevention, did
5 you tell the parents that you were at the same time
6 working to defeat legislation that would prevent kids
7 from smoking? Did you tell them that?
8 A. We didn't tell people what our legislative
9 agenda was. Certainly if someone had asked what our
10 position on this bill was, I'm sure we would have
11 told them.
12 Q. Sir, would you agree with me that actions speak
13 louder than words?
14 A. As a general proposition I'd say so, yes, sir.
15 Q. So you didn't tell people that your actions were
16 to defeat youth prevention programs, but your words
17 were that you had a policy that you didn't want kids
18 to smoke; didn't you?
19 A. Certainly our policy with respect to kids and
20 smoking extended to supporting legislation which we
21 thought would do just that, sir.
22 Q. You didn't tell them what I just asked you; did
23 you?
24 A. We didn't tell anyone that I recall that we
25 opposed this particular piece of legislation.

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1 However, if someone had asked, we'd have been happy
2 to tell them.
3 Q. Now in this memo -- strike that.
4 If they would have asked, you would have been
5 happy to tell them; is that right?
6 A. If a reporter asks for our position on a piece
7 of legislation, we'd certainly tell him.
8 Q. So that if a reporter or if a federal regulatory
9 agency or if anyone, a lawyer asks for your internal
10 documents which show what the companies really knew
11 and when they knew it, you'd be happy to give it to
12 them; is that right?
13 A. I can't provide anyone with company internal
14 documents, sir.
15 Q. And of course the companies don't provide them;
16 do they?
17 A. That's up to them, sir. I don't know what they
18 do.
19 Q. Now you remember --
20 You've heard of Winston Churchill; haven't you?
21 A. Yes, sir.
22 Q. You remember during World War II he said, "We're
23 going to fight them on the beaches, we're going to
24 fight them in the hills?" You remember that?
25 A. Yes, sir.

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1 Q. That's how this campaign of The Tobacco
2 Institute was characterized by your own Tobacco
3 Institute; wasn't it?
4 A. I don't recall that, sir.

5 Q. Well they used words to that effect; isn't that
6 right?
7 A. It's possible. I don't remember specifically.
8 Q. Why don't you turn to the very last page, page
9 nine, "CONCLUSION." I'll just read it to you.
10 "Every possible legislative, political, social
11 and theoretical angle is being utilized in our
12 efforts to get out of this session unscathed. Since
13 Minnesota has seen fit to designate itself, as
14 Surgeon General Koop stated, quote, a model for the
15 country, end of quote, with regard to anti-smoking
16 legislation, our only choice in this matter is a
17 complete victory. Anything less could be used
18 against us in other states. We will employ all means
19 to secure that victory."
20 Your words, not mine; correct, sir?
21 A. Not my words, no, sir.
22 Q. The Tobacco Institute's words, not mine;
23 correct?
24 A. An employee of the Institute in his report, yes,
25 sir.

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1 Q. Did you ever see any document which refuted Mr.
2 Brozek and said "That's not our policy. That's not
3 what we do?" Did you ever see any such document?
4 A. No, sir.
5 Q. Did the lawyers ever show you any such document?
6 A. No, not that I recall.
7 Q. And sir, you yourself are aware with regard to
8 the health risks of smoking and what smoking causes
9 that 91 percent of scientists who have done work for
10 the industry believe that most lung cancer deaths are
11 caused by smoking; isn't that right?
12 A. I'm aware of a survey that was reported on that
13 subject, but I don't remember the specifics of it.
14 Q. And when you were faced with that, you yourself,
15 you stated "The Tobacco Institute has long said that
16 smoking is a risk factor associated with a variety of
17 diseases. We don't know whether smoking causes
18 disease." Isn't that what you said?
19 A. I believe I was quoted as having said that in a
20 newspaper article.
21 Q. And in newspaper articles that ran right here in
22 Minnesota; isn't that right?
23 A. I'm sorry, I don't know where it ran. But if --
24 if it was nationally distributed, it may have.
25 Q. That was your intent, to have it nationally

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1 distributed and run here; isn't that right?
2 A. Well I responded to a reporter's inquiry. My
3 only intent was to provide him with answers to his
4 questions, if I could.
5 Q. Your intent was to provide him with the stated
6 policy of the Institute; isn't that right?
7 A. Certainly, in answer to his questions.
8 Q. And you were doing that in 1991. You didn't
9 stop doing that in the '80s or '70s; did you?

10 A. In response to inquiries from reporters, we'll
11 try to answer their questions, yes, sir.
12 Q. Can you turn to Exhibit 18799, which is a
13 Minneapolis Star Tribune article of June 26th, 1991.
14 A. Which volume is that, Mr. Ciresi?
15 Q. It would be volume two, I believe.
16 A. Is it?
17 Q. It is volume two, sir.
18 A. All right.
19 All right, yes, sir.
20 Q. Do you have that?
21 A. Yes, I do.
22 Q. It's an article that was in the Minneapolis
23 Tribune; correct?
24 A. Yes, sir.
25 Q. You're quoted in it?

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1 A. I am.
2 MR. CIRESI: Your Honor, we'd offer Exhibit
3 18799.
4 MR. BLEAKLEY: Your Honor, I have no
5 objection to the introduction of the quote of Mr.
6 Merryman. The rest of this document is hearsay,
7 however, so I do object to its receipt.
8 THE COURT: Court will receive 18799.
9 BY MR. CIRESI:
10 Q. First of all, the title is "Scientists Funded By
11 Tobacco Say Smoking Is Harmful." Correct?
12 A. That's what it says, yes, sir.
13 Q. And you recall you had to respond to this on
14 behalf of the tobacco industry; isn't that right?
15 A. I responded to a reporter's inquiry about this
16 issue, yes, sir.
17 Q. And you delivered your response to your media
18 contact people too; didn't you?
19 A. I don't know what you mean, sir.
20 Q. Well you've got a news release distribution list
21 for The Tobacco Institute. It's got just all kinds
22 of contacts throughout the country. Don't you?
23 A. Yes, sir.
24 Q. You use that when you release statements; don't
25 you?

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1 A. If we have a prepared news release, we sometimes
2 will use that distribution list you have in hand.
3 Q. And --
4 A. We may use a portion of it, we may use only a
5 few.
6 Q. And you used this distribution list for this
7 statement; didn't you, sir?
8 A. No, sir. It's my recollection that I responded
9 to an inquiry from a report from the Associated
10 Press, and I don't recall that we made a distribution
11 of a -- of a written statement.
12 Q. Do you deny that you made a distribution of a
13 written statement concerning this subject matter in
14 1991?

15 A. I don't recall it.
16 Q. You just don't remember.
17 A. This -- this, obviously, is my response to the
18 Associated Press reporter's telephone call.
19 Q. Okay.
20 A. I don't recall any additional distribution we
21 made.
22 Q. And what you were responding to was a survey
23 that had been conducted by scientists who got
24 research money from The Tobacco Institute; is that
25 right?

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1 A. No, sir, that's not true at all.
2 Q. You weren't. Well you -- you are aware of the
3 survey that was published in the American Journal of
4 Public Health; correct?
5 A. I'm aware of that survey, yes, sir.
6 Q. And in that survey, 94 percent of those
7 scientists that were funded by the industry agreed
8 that secondhand smoke was harmful to non-smokers;
9 correct?
10 A. That is correct.
11 Q. And 91 percent agreed that most lung cancer
12 deaths are caused by smoking; is that right?
13 A. That's what it says.
14 Q. Would you agree the 91 percent is a consensus?
15 MR. BLEAKLEY: That's argumentative, Your
16 Honor. Objection.
17 THE COURT: No, you may answer that.
18 A. May represent a consensus of the people that
19 were surveyed.
20 Q. Do you consider it a consensus?
21 A. Of those who were asked, it seems like it would
22 be.
23 Q. Okay. And those were people that were funded by
24 tobacco money to do some research; isn't that right?
25 A. As I recall, the funding came from The Council

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1 for Tobacco Research. My response was to a
2 reporter's question on the smoking-and-health issue,
3 not the survey or funding sources themselves.
4 Q. Well The Council for Tobacco Research, which was
5 formerly known as TIRC, was funded by the tobacco
6 industry; was it not?
7 A. It's tobacco --
8 It's funded by the tobacco industry. It is
9 entirely separate from The Tobacco Institute,
10 however.
11 Q. I didn't ask you if it was separate from The
12 Tobacco Institute. It's funded by the tobacco
13 industry; correct?
14 A. It's funded by the companies.
15 I don't respond to things on behalf of The
16 Council for Tobacco Research, however.
17 Q. And the Tobacco -- TIRC, which became the CTR,
18 was one of the entities that was visited by the three
19 Englishmen back in 1958; isn't that right?

20 A. I believe that was on the itinerary.
21 Q. In fact they had three separate meetings with
22 the TIRC; didn't they?
23 A. That I don't recall, sir.
24 Q. Now in this article -- and you said this in
25 1991 -- "'The Tobacco Institute has long said that
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1 smoking is a risk factor associated with a variety of
2 diseases,' said Walker Merryman, vice-president of
3 the group that represents the tobacco industry.
4 'However,' he said, 'we don't know whether smoking
5 causes disease.'" Is that right?
6 A. Yes, sir.
7 Q. And you've been saying that in the paper which
8 has been published here in Minnesota ever since you
9 have been a representative of The Tobacco Institute;
10 haven't you?
11 A. I do respond to reporters' inquiries on the
12 subject, yes, sir, where appropriate.
13 Q. Now when you met with Mr. Skubic at the
14 Minnesota Department of Health, did you tell him that
15 you were -- not you personally, but that the industry
16 was attempting to kill the bills that were in front
17 of the legislature? Did you tell him that?
18 A. No, sir. Mr. Skubic, I'm sure, was aware of the
19 fact that we had contract lobbyists in Minnesota.
20 Q. Did you tell him that smoking was addictive?
21 A. No, sir.
22 Q. Did you tell him that the defendants were
23 manipulating nicotine?
24 A. No, sir.
25 Q. Did you tell him that cigarette smoking causes
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1 disease and death?
2 A. No, sir, that wasn't the purpose of my visit.
3 Q. The purpose of your visit was to impart
4 knowledge that the companies had regarding smoking
5 and health; wasn't it?
6 A. The purpose of my visit was to acquaint him with
7 a project that we had underway having to do with
8 discouraging youth smoking.
9 Q. Well, part of discouraging youth smoking would
10 be to advise them, fully inform them or their parents
11 of what the companies know about the risks of
12 smoking; wouldn't you agree?
13 A. No, I don't believe so, sir.
14 Q. I didn't think you would.
15 MR. CIRESI: Thank you, sir. I have no
16 further questions.
17 THE COURT: We'll recess for lunch,
18 reconvene at 1:35.
19 THE CLERK: Court stands in recess to
20 reconvene at 1:35.
21 (Recess taken.)
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1 AFTERNOON SESSION.
2 THE CLERK: All rise. Court is again in
3 session.
4 (Jury enters the courtroom.)
5 THE CLERK: Please be seated.
6 THE COURT: Counsel.
7 MR. HAMLIN: Good afternoon, Your Honor.
8 THE COURT: Good afternoon.
9 MR. HAMLIN: Good afternoon.
10 (Collective "Good afternoon.")
11 THE CLERK: Mr. Samet, please rise.
12 (Witness sworn.)
13 THE CLERK: Please state your name for the
14 record.
15 THE WITNESS: My name is Jonathan Michael
16 Samet.
17 THE CLERK: Thank you. Please have a seat.
18 MR. HAMLIN: At this time, Your Honor,
19 plaintiffs call Dr. Jonathan Michael Samet.
20 JONATHAN M. SAMET
21 called as a witness, being first duly
22 sworn, was examined and testified
23 as follows:
24 DIRECT EXAMINATION
25 BY MR. HAMLIN:

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1 Q. Good afternoon, Mr. Samet.
2 A. Good afternoon, Mr. Hamlin.
3 Q. My name is Tom Hamlin. I'm one of the attorneys
4 for the state of Minnesota and Blue Cross Blue Shield
5 of Minnesota.
6 Dr. Samet, what is your current position?
7 A. I'm currently professor and chair of the
8 Department of Epidemiology of the Johns Hopkins
9 University School of Hygiene and Public Health.
10 Q. And do you also have an appointment at the
11 Oncology Center at the Department of Medicine at
12 Johns Hopkins?
13 A. That's right. I also hold appointments in the
14 Oncology Center or the Cancer Center and the
15 Department of Medicine.
16 Q. Doctor, you are a physician and an
17 epidemiologist; is that correct?
18 A. That's correct.
19 Q. How long have you been at Johns Hopkins?
20 A. Since August -- well August of 1994.
21 Q. Doctor, can you briefly tell the ladies and
22 gentlemen of the jury and the court what epidemiology
23 is?
24 A. Epidemiology is a science to study methods that
25 we use to identify the causes of disease in

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1 populations, to know what affects people's health.
2 It's studies that are done directly involving people.
3 Q. Doctor, could you tell us a little bit about the
4 Johns Hopkins School of Public Health.
5 A. The School of Public Health is actually the
6 oldest school of public health in the world, and at
7 the moment the world's largest school of public
8 health.
9 Q. Where is it located?
10 A. In Baltimore.
11 Q. Now as chair, do you have the following duties:
12 Do you teach?
13 A. Yes.
14 Q. And what subjects do you teach?
15 A. I teach a variety of subjects in epidemiology,
16 some on the methods of the field itself, introduction
17 to epidemiology, more advanced methods. I also give
18 classes on cancer epidemiology, environmental effects
19 on epidemiology and public policy, clinical research
20 and other -- other matters.
21 Q. And you also have the administrative
22 responsibility of running the department; is that
23 right?
24 A. That's correct.
25 Q. How many faculty members do you supervise?

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1 A. I have over 40 faculty in the department at
2 present.
3 Q. Could you tell us something about the research
4 activities in the department.
5 A. We have a large department and very diverse
6 research activities going on really throughout the
7 world. We have major programs on infectious diseases
8 in Africa, Thailand, Baltimore, studying, among other
9 things aids, we have programs on cardiovascular
10 disease, on respiratory diseases, on sleep and many
11 other problems, all this going on through the
12 department.
13 Q. And you also do your own research and writing;
14 is that right, doctor?
15 A. That's correct.
16 Q. I'd like to go over your educational background.
17 You received your B.S. in physics and chemistry at
18 Harvard in 1966; is that right?
19 A. That's correct. Actually a bachelor of arts.
20 Q. And you received your medical degree from the
21 University of Rochester in 1970; is that right?
22 A. That's correct.
23 Q. And you received a master's of science in
24 epidemiology from the Harvard School of Public Health
25 in 1977; is that right?

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1 A. That's -- that's correct.
2 Q. You are licensed to practice as a physician in
3 Maryland; is that right?
4 A. That's correct.
5 Q. And you are also licensed to practice in New

6 Mexico; correct?
7 A. That's correct.
8 Q. Following graduation from medical school, you
9 took an internship at the University of Kentucky in
10 internal medicine from 1970 to 1971; is that right?
11 A. That's correct.
12 Q. And in that internship, did you have extensive
13 experience in treating patients with lung cancer?
14 A. Yes, I did.
15 Q. And did you also treat people with chronic
16 obstructive pulmonary disease?
17 A. I took care of many patients with that disorder.
18 Q. From 1971 to 1973 you were in the United States
19 Army; is that right?
20 A. That's correct.
21 Q. You were a physician in the Army?
22 A. Correct.
23 Q. And you were stationed in Panama?
24 A. Yes.
25 Q. And did you practice as an anesthesiologist?

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1 A. That's right, I was an anesthesiologist for a
2 450-bed hospital.
3 Q. And from 1973 to 1975 did you complete your
4 internal medicine residency?
5 A. Yes, I did, at the University of New Mexico.
6 Q. All right. And were you responsible for patient
7 care at that time?
8 A. That's what a resident does. I was very busy.
9 Q. Okay. And did you treat patients with a variety
10 of diseases?
11 A. Yes.
12 Q. And did those diseases include lung cancer?
13 A. Yes.
14 Q. And chronic obstructive pulmonary disease?
15 A. Yes.
16 Q. Heart disease?
17 A. Yes.
18 Q. Other kinds of cancer?
19 A. Yes.
20 Q. And other types of diseases; right?
21 A. Yes.
22 Q. From 1975 to 1978, did you have a fellowship in
23 Boston?
24 A. Yes. I was at Harvard Medical School.
25 Q. And at that --

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1 That's when you obtained your master's in
2 epidemiology; is that right?
3 A. Correct.
4 Q. And did you also develop a subspecialty in
5 pulmonary disease?
6 A. Yes.
7 Q. And did you do work at the Peter Bent Brigham
8 Hospital?
9 A. Yes.
10 Q. You also practiced at Massachusetts General; is

11 that right?
12 A. That was another site of my clinical fellowship,
13 yes.
14 Q. You also practiced at Boston City Hospital;
15 right?
16 A. Correct.
17 Q. And again, you were treating patients; right?
18 A. Correct.
19 Q. And some of those patients had lung cancer;
20 correct?
21 A. Yes.
22 Q. And COPD?
23 A. Yes.
24 Q. Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.
25 And other kinds of cancers; correct?

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1 A. Yes.
2 Q. And other diseases.
3 A. Correct.
4 Q. In 1975 you passed your internal medicine board
5 exam?
6 A. That is correct.
7 Q. And you passed your pulmonary disease board exam
8 in 1980, right?
9 A. Yes.
10 Q. Now let me ask you about one of your teachers at
11 the Harvard School of Public Health. You studied
12 under Dr. Frank Speizer; is that right?
13 A. That's right. He was my mentor for my
14 fellowship.
15 Q. All right. Now Dr. Speizer trained with Richard
16 Doll; is that right?
17 A. Yes.
18 Q. Who is Richard Doll?
19 A. Richard Doll was one of the field's preeminent
20 epidemiologists, a man now in his mid-80s who did
21 much of the pioneering work on cigarette smoking and
22 other diseases from the 1940s extending into the
23 1950s to the present.
24 Q. And we're going to be talking about Dr. Doll's
25 work later in our testimony.

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1 A. We'll be touching on some of his studies.
2 Q. And did Dr. Speizer also start the nurses health
3 study?
4 A. Yes. He remains the principal investigator for
5 this study.
6 Q. And is that a well-known and well-regarded
7 prospective study of the disease of smoking?
8 A. It's a very important study, not only for
9 smoking but for other diseases.
10 Q. Did Dr. Speizer win the Ochsner Award for
11 research?
12 A. Dr. Speizer won the Ochsner Award for research
13 contributions to -- to smoking and health.
14 Q. Is that a prestigious award?
15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Now did you do original research with Dr.
17 Speizer?
18 A. Yes, during my years in Boston.
19 Q. And did that original research include research
20 regarding smoking and disease?
21 A. Yes.
22 Q. Now I want to talk about your experience as a
23 teacher and as a clinician.
24 In 1978 you took an appointment at the
25 University of New Mexico School of Medicine in the
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1 Department of Medicine; is that right?
2 A. Yes.
3 Q. And you had responsibilities for patient care,
4 teaching, and research; correct?
5 A. Yes. Correct.
6 Q. So you --
7 Again, you treated patients; right?
8 A. That's correct. That was part of my duties in
9 the Department of Medicine.
10 Q. Some of those patients had lung cancer; correct?
11 A. Yes.
12 Q. Some had chronic obstructive pulmonary disease;
13 right?
14 A. Yes.
15 Q. And some had other kinds of cancers; right?
16 A. Correct.
17 Q. And other diseases; right?
18 A. Yes.
19 Q. Did you also work in a pulmonary clinic?
20 A. Yes, I had a weekly pulmonary clinic.
21 Q. Okay. And did you do in-hospital pulmonary
22 care?
23 A. Yes. I provided consultation and in-hospital
24 pulmonary care.
25 Q. Did you also cover a general medicine ward of
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1 the hospital?
2 A. Periodically one of my duties was to supervise
3 the team providing general medical care.
4 Q. In 1986 did you become chief of pulmonary
5 medicine?
6 A. Yes.
7 Q. And later did that department become known as
8 the Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine Department?
9 A. That's right.
10 Q. And were you administratively responsible for a
11 large clinical program in pulmonary and clinical care
12 medicine from 1986 through 1994?
13 A. Yes, I was.
14 Q. And in 1994 you left for Johns Hopkins; right?
15 A. Correct.
16 Q. Now doctor, what other kinds of clinical
17 experience have you had other than what we have
18 already covered?
19 A. Over my years of being a physician I've had some
20 other experiences. As a resident at the University

21 of New Mexico I took care of patients discharged from
22 the University Hospital to nursing homes. Also over
23 the years, particularly early in my career, I had a
24 variety of experiences being in charge of providing
25 emergency care in various settings.

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1 Q. Doctor, I have your curriculum vitae here. I
2 want to ask you a few questions about it.

3 Now it says that you were the author and editor
4 of nine books and monographs, including a book
5 entitled "The Epidemiology Of Lung Cancer" published
6 in 1994; is that correct?

7 A. That's correct.

8 Q. You were also the author of 92 chapters; right?

9 A. Yes, I am.

10 Q. What does that mean, doctor?

11 A. Okay. A chapter is like a contribution to a
12 textbook or a collection of papers on some special
13 subject, so respiratory textbooks, general medicine
14 textbooks, and others, for example.

15 Q. You were also the author of 173 peer-reviewed
16 research articles; is that correct, doctor?

17 A. That's correct.

18 Q. Can you tell the ladies and gentlemen of the
19 jury and the court what a peer-reviewed article is?

20 A. Okay. These are articles of original research
21 where data has been gathered, collected, analyzed and
22 written into a paper for publication in what we call
23 the peer-reviewed literature, meaning that it's been
24 sent to a journal, reviewers have decided that this
25 work is acceptable for publication, it's advancing,

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1 providing new knowledge. And that's what we mean by
2 "peer review."

3 Q. You were also the author of and editor of 40
4 proceedings of meetings, is that correct, doctor?

5 A. That's correct.

6 Q. And you've also authored 74 case reports and
7 editorials and other publications; right?

8 A. That's correct.

9 Q. And you have had 72 abstracts accepted for
10 presentation; is that correct, doctor?

11 A. That's approximately correct, yes.

12 Q. Let me ask you about a couple of your
13 peer-reviewed journal articles. Specifically there's
14 a publication entitled "Respiratory Disease in a New
15 Mexico Population Sample of Hispanic and Non-Hispanic
16 Whites" published in 1982. Could you tell us a
17 little bit about that study?

18 A. This is a study that I did shortly after going
19 to New Mexico that was funded by some funds from the
20 university and by the American Lung Association. It
21 was a survey of approximately 1700 residents of
22 Albuquerque, New Mexico, half Hispanic and half
23 non-Hispanic, gaining information on smoking by this
24 group, the respiratory symptoms that -- that they
25 had, and also the respiratory diseases that they had

1 been diagnosed with.

2 Q. Next publication I want to ask you about,
3 doctor, is one entitled "Cigarette Smoking and Lung
4 Cancer in Hispanic Whites and Other Whites in New
5 Mexico" published in 1985. Can you tell us about
6 that particular report.

7 A. This was a study funded by the National Cancer
8 Institute, a so-called case-control study. It was
9 directed at the risks of smoking in the state. The
10 intent was to try and understand why we had been
11 observing somewhat lower rates of lung cancer in
12 Hispanic residents of the state compared with
13 non-Hispanic residents.

14 Q. And did that study generate a number of
15 publications exploring smoking and lung cancer?

16 A. Yes, it did.

17 Q. Next publication I want to ask you about is
18 entitled "Respiratory Diseases and Cigarette Smoking
19 in a Hispanic Population in New Mexico" published in
20 1988. Would you tell us about that report.

21 A. This was another study in the population in New
22 Mexico funded by the National Heart, Lung and Blood
23 Institute, which is one of the National Institutes of
24 Health. Here, this was a door-to-door study
25 involving approximately 700 households, over 2,000

1 persons who we talked to about smoking and other risk
2 factors for disease. We measured lung function and
3 so forth. And this paper provides a description of
4 the findings.

5 Q. Did you look at biomarkers in that study,
6 doctor?

7 A. Yes, we did. We collected saliva for analysis
8 of cotinine, a nicotine metabolite.

9 Q. What are biomarkers?

10 A. Biomarkers refer to compounds that we can
11 measure in a body fluid, a tissue, air breathed out
12 by people, and so forth.

13 Q. Next publication I want to ask you about is
14 entitled "Lung Cancer Mortality and Exposure to Radon
15 Progeny in a Cohort of New Mexico Underground Uranium
16 Miners" published in 1991. Would you tell us about
17 that study.

18 A. Well when I returned to New Mexico in 1978, the
19 state was the site of the free world's largest
20 uranium mining industry. There was a great deal of
21 concern about the risks of radiation for the minors,
22 so we undertook a large epidemiological study that's
23 still going on, looking at the risks of radon. A
24 component of that study was to try and understand how
25 smoking and radon act together to cause lung cancer.

1 Q. And what were the conclusions of the study,

2 doctor?

3 A. Well one of the -- one of the findings of the
4 study, unfortunately for the miners, was that in fact
5 there were risks of radon with regard to lung cancer.
6 We also found evidence of synergism in the combined
7 effect of smoking and radon.

8 Q. Doctor, have you also been involved with
9 national scientific committees on the subject of
10 radon?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And are you involved with the National Research
13 Council?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Now what -- what is the National Research
16 Council, doctor?

17 A. The National Research Council is essentially the
18 operating arm of the National Academy of Sciences,
19 which was commissioned by Congress to provide
20 guidance to the Congress on matters of science and
21 policy.

22 Q. And are you a member of the committee known as
23 The Biological Effects of Ionizing Radiation?

24 A. I've been a member of several such committees
25 and currently chair the sixth such committee.

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1 Q. The next publication I want to ask you about is
2 entitled "Determinants of Survival in Older Cancer
3 Patients" published in 1996. Could you tell us about
4 that study.

5 A. Yeah. This study was one of a series --
6 This paper was one of a series of papers based
7 on a National Cancer Institute-funded study on
8 determinants of the outcome of cancer in older
9 persons. We had enrolled a group of 800 persons
10 newly diagnosed with cancer who were at least 65
11 years of age. We were initially interested in
12 factors that influenced delay in both the patient's
13 seeking medical care and then in making the
14 diagnosis. The paper mentioned describes what
15 impacted their survival over the long run.

16 Q. Did that study also generate a number of
17 publications?

18 A. Yes, it did.

19 Q. Last publication I want to ask you about is
20 called the "Sleep/Heart Health Study Design Rationale
21 and Methods" published in 1997. Could you tell us
22 about that study.

23 A. Yes. Since early 1995 I've been chairing for
24 the National Institutes of Health a multi-centered
25 study on sleep and sleep disordered breathing, the

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1 problem of breathing pauses during sleep and risk for
2 cardiovascular disease. This is a multi-site study
3 involving about 6,000 persons, including about a
4 thousand from Minnesota, who are now going to be
5 followed for their risks of heart disease in
6 relationship to the sleep that we've just finished

7 measuring.
8 Q. And as part of this study, did you collect --
9 are you collecting information on smoking?
10 A. Yes.
11 Q. Doctor, you've also done work for the Surgeon
12 General of the United States regarding smoking and
13 health.
14 A. That's correct.
15 Q. Correct?
16 You wrote a chapter for the 1984 report; is that
17 right?
18 A. That's correct.
19 Q. The 1984 report concerned chronic lung disease;
20 is that correct?
21 A. Yes.
22 Q. And you wrote a piece on smoking, lung function
23 and development of chronic obstructive pulmonary
24 disease; is that correct?
25 A. That's right. That was my contribution.

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1 Q. And you also wrote a chapter in the 1984 report;
2 is that right? I'm sorry, the 1985 report.
3 A. Yes, I did.
4 Q. Can you tell us the subject matter of that
5 submission.
6 A. That submission was essentially on smoking and
7 lung disease in the work place.
8 Q. And were you also consulting scientific editor
9 for the 1985 report?
10 A. Yes, I was.
11 Q. Did you submit a paper for the 1986 report?
12 A. Yes, I was one of the authors of the 1986
13 report.
14 Q. And were you also consulting scientific editor
15 of that report?
16 A. Yes, I was.
17 Q. Did you also make a contribution to the 1989
18 report?
19 A. Yes. That was the 25th anniversary report, and
20 I contributed to that.
21 Q. Could you tell us the subject matter of the 1989
22 report?
23 A. Well the 19 -- the 1989 report was a review of
24 the information gained over 25 years since the 1964
25 Surgeon General's report.

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1 Q. And what was the subject matter of your
2 contribution?
3 A. I contributed to the chapter on the health
4 consequences of smoking.
5 Q. Did you also make contribution to the 1999 -- or
6 strike that -- the 1990 --
7 A. Yes, I did.
8 A. -- Surgeon General's report?
9 A. Yes.
10 Q. And could you tell us about that contribution?
11 A. Well I authored and contributed to several of

12 the chapters in that report.
13 Q. What was the subject matter of that report?
14 A. That report was on the health benefits of
15 smoking cessation.
16 Q. And were you the senior scientific editor of
17 that report?
18 A. Yes, I was.
19 Q. Did you also make a contribution to the 1994
20 Surgeon General's report?
21 A. Yes, I did.
22 Q. What contribution did you make?
23 A. That report was on children, and I authored the
24 chapter on the health consequences of smoking for
25 children.

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1 Q. And have you also written for one of the Surgeon
2 General's reports currently in development?
3 A. Yes, I have.
4 Q. And what is the subject matter of that report
5 going to be?
6 A. Essentially smoking in minority populations.
7 Q. Doctor, do you also serve as a reviewer of the
8 Surgeon General's reports?
9 A. Yes. For a number of years I have both reviewed
10 the outlines of the reports as they've been
11 developed, chapters, selected chapters from the
12 reports, and then the final reports themselves.
13 Q. And in 1990 did you receive the Surgeon
14 General's Medallion for contributions to Surgeon
15 General's reports?
16 A. Yes, I did.
17 Q. Doctor, do you also review or work as a reviewer
18 of scientific literature?
19 A. Very frequently.
20 Q. Can you tell us what a reviewer of scientific
21 literature does?
22 A. A reviewer is sent manuscripts, people's work,
23 describing their data and their interpretation of it.
24 The reviewer assesses whether this contribution --
25 whether this work will make a contribution, whether

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1 it represents the state of the science, has used the
2 state of the science, and whether the authors have
3 properly interpreted and presented their data, their
4 findings.
5 Q. Who have you done -- or what publications have
6 you done reviews for?
7 A. Over the years, many, many journals such as the
8 Journal of the American Medical Association, New
9 England Journal of Medicine, and the Journal of the
10 National Cancer Institute, Cancer, and many journals
11 in the area of cancer and respiratory diseases.
12 Q. Doctor, how many scientific articles have you
13 reviewed in your career?
14 A. Probably too many. There are many.
15 Q. Are you also involved with smoking-and-health
16 issues in China?

17 A. Yes, I am.
18 Q. Could you tell us about that.
19 A. Yes. For several years I have been working with
20 the Chinese government through the Chinese Academy of
21 Preventive Medicine and the Chinese Association on
22 Smoking and Health, providing collaboration and
23 assistance with regard to their recently-completed
24 national study of smoking, and now follow-up surveys
25 related to smoking among Chinese children, trying to

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1 understand its origin, and also among urban and rural
2 populations in China.

3 Q. In connection with your work on smoking and
4 health, are you also involved with the International
5 Agency for Research on Cancer?

6 A. I was a member of the 1985 working group on
7 smoking that resulted in the 1986 International
8 Agency for Research on Cancer monograph on smoking.

9 Q. Are you also involved with the National Cancer
10 Institute?

11 A. Yes, I'm currently on the Board of Scientific
12 Counselors of the National Cancer Institute.

13 Q. And have you contributed to the National Cancer
14 Institute's Smoking and Control -- strike that --
15 Smoking and Tobacco Control monograph series?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. What is that, doctor?

18 A. This is a series of volumes published by the
19 National Cancer Institute that have addressed
20 specific issues related to smoking and tobacco
21 control.

22 Q. And were you involved with monograph one?

23 A. Yes, I was one of the editors.

24 Q. And was the subject of monograph one tobacco
25 control?

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Was that published in 1990?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Were you also involved with monograph seven?

5 A. Yes. I authored it. Yes.

6 Q. Did you contribute an article on the changing
7 cigarette to monograph seven?

8 A. Yes, I did.

9 Q. And was that article published in 1996?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. We'll get to that article later in the
12 testimony; is that right?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Did --

15 Were you also a contributor to monograph eight
16 of the National Cancer Institute's monograph series?

17 A. Yes, I was one of the editors.

18 Q. And what -- what was the subject matter of
19 monograph eight?

20 A. This monograph addressed the risks of smoking
21 and mortality over time.

22 Q. You're also on the Board of Scientific
23 Counselors at the National Cancer Institute.

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. What does that board do?

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1 A. This board provides peer review for the National
2 Cancer Institute's internal research programs.

3 Q. Let me talk for a moment about your professional
4 memberships, doctor. Are you a member of the
5 American Thoracic Society?

6 A. Yes, for many years.

7 Q. Are you a member of the Society for
8 Epidemiological Research?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And were you president of that society in 1990?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Are you also a member of the National Academy of
13 Sciences?

14 A. Correct.

15 Q. How long have you been a member, doctor?

16 A. I entered the Institute of Medicine in 1997.

17 Q. Can you tell us what the Institute of Medicine
18 is?

19 A. Yes. The Institute of Medicine comprises the
20 health-related arm of the National Academy of
21 Sciences. There are approximately 500 individuals in
22 the Institute of Medicine who have been selected as
23 leaders in their field who can provide guidance to
24 the National Academy on matters of health-related
25 policy in very broad ways.

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1 Q. Doctor, are you also chair of the Committee on
2 Research Priorities for Airborne Particulate Air
3 Pollution?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. What do they do?

6 A. This is a new committee of the National Research
7 Council that has been asked by the Congress to set a
8 research agenda and essentially assign priorities for
9 spending approximately 50 million dollars of research
10 money annually related to air pollution with
11 particles.

12 Q. And are you also a member of the Environmental
13 Protection Agency's Science Advisory Board?

14 A. At the moment I'm a consultant. In the past
15 I've been a member of various committees.

16 Q. And are you also an advisor to the American Lung
17 Association?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. You're also editor of several scientific
20 publications, including the American Review of
21 Respiratory Disease; is that correct?

22 A. In the past I've been editor of that, yes.

23 Q. Okay. And have you also been editor of the
24 American Journal of Epidemiology?

25 A. Yes. I am at present.

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1 Q. And have you been an editor of the journal
2 entitled Epidemiological Reviews?
3 A. Yes.
4 Q. And are you a member of several other editorial
5 boards?
6 A. Yes.
7 Q. For example, the American Journal of Medicine?
8 A. Yes.
9 Q. And you're also associate editor of a journal
10 called Tobacco Control?
11 A. Correct.
12 Q. Okay. Doctor, you've been retained as an expert
13 in this matter for the state of Minnesota and Blue
14 Cross; is that right?
15 A. That's correct.
16 Q. And you were retained in 1995?
17 A. Yes.
18 Q. And this is the first time that you've testified
19 in court as an expert witness; is that right?
20 A. That's correct.
21 Q. Now in preparation for your testimony today, did
22 you do a review of the scientific literature on the
23 science of smoking and health?
24 A. Yes, I conducted an extensive review on this
25 topic.

1 Q. Yes. Can you tell us briefly what that review
2 consisted of?
3 A. Yes. Well of course I'd been reading on this
4 topic for many years, but for developing this
5 testimony today an extensive database of the
6 epidemiologic literature was prepared.
7 Q. And did you have assistance?
8 A. Yes, I did. I was assisted by an
9 epidemiologist, Tracey Sides, in preparing this
10 database.
11 Q. And can you tell us briefly the nature of this
12 database?
13 A. Yes. At this point the database includes over
14 900 studies that have been reviewed and their results
15 entered into a computer file so that they can be
16 accessed and examined and displayed.
17 Q. And did you review these articles yourself,
18 doctor?
19 A. Yes, I'm familiar with these articles.
20 Q. Now during the course of your testimony, are you
21 prepared to testify about the following matters:
22 Whether smoking causes disease?
23 A. Yes.
24 Q. And whether lower tar and lower nicotine
25 cigarettes have reduced the health risks of smoking?

1 A. Yes.
2 Q. Doctor, what I'd like to do now is have you come

3 down from the witness stand and, if you would, talk a
4 bit about the anatomy of the human body, and
5 specifically some of the organs that you plan to talk
6 about in your testimony today and perhaps tomorrow.
7 A. Okay.
8 Q. First we have to put this model on a pedestal
9 here.

10 MR. GARNICK: Your Honor, may I go over
11 there and watch?

12 Q. Now doctor, I want to direct your attention to
13 Trial Exhibit 30110, which is a model of the anatomy
14 of the human body, and if you could tell the ladies
15 and gentlemen of the jury and court about some of the
16 organs in the body.

17 A. Okay. Well beginning --

18 Q. Beginning with the air pathway and the pathway
19 for the lung.

20 A. Right. Let me start from the top. Here what we
21 can see, of course, is the nose and the mouth,
22 leading to the throat, to the larynx, the voice box,
23 where the air passes down.

24 Q. Doctor, perhaps you could go --

25 A. Rotate it a little more?

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1 Q. No, if you could come to this side so the judge
2 can see as well.

3 A. In any case, starting over: The nose, of
4 course, where most of the breathing takes place, some
5 breathing goes on through the mouth depending on the
6 level of exercise, the air passes down the back of
7 the throat, through the larynx or the voice box and
8 into the trachea, which is the tube connecting the
9 voice box to the -- to the lung.

10 Q. And now could you point out the lungs to the
11 jury, please.

12 A. Of course we have two lungs, of course, the left
13 lung and the right lung, and sitting between lungs is
14 the heart, as you can see here.

15 Q. And could you point out the heart and the
16 coronary artery. Perhaps you are going to have to
17 remove one of those lungs.

18 A. I'm taking out one of the lungs, I hope.

19 Q. Well maybe we won't remove one of the lungs.
20 There we go.

21 A. I'm just going to remove the -- the heart, and
22 what you can see with the heart is that the heart
23 itself has its own blood vessels, the blood
24 vessels -- the heart is a muscle, it's a pump, and
25 the blood vessels that take the blood into the heart

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1 are called the coronary arteries.

2 Q. Can we talk about the organs in the abdominal
3 cavity now, doctor.

4 A. Okay. So just looking front-on, we can see this
5 large brown structure here is the liver. Over here
6 we see the stomach, which will connect behind the
7 duodenum, which is how it leads on into the

8 intestine. These would be the small intestines, this
9 yellowish mass here, and then this larger structure
10 here would be the large intestines, the colon.
11 Q. And are there other organs behind the stomach as
12 well; for example, the kidney and the pancreas?
13 A. Yes, there are. And if I can successfully
14 remove the small intestine and the liver, we can see
15 of course there is a kidney on both sides, the right
16 kidney and the left kidney, and then sitting behind
17 the stomach there's also now the secretory organ, the
18 pancreas, which makes digestive enzymes and also
19 insulin.

20 We can see here, this is just the start of the
21 intestines, the duodenum, which is the point where
22 the stomach connects to the intestines.

23 Q. Thank you, doctor. You can return to the
24 witness stand now.

25 Doctor, let's turn to the animations to continue
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1 the lesson in anatomy, and specifically Trial Exhibit
2 30255, if you could access that animation and show us
3 how people breathe normally.

4 A. Here we go.

5 Q. Good.

6 A. Yeah. Here we're just looking at normal
7 respiration with the lungs, of course, expanding and
8 contracting. You can see the heart sitting between
9 the lungs beating. And air, of course, would be
10 entering and leaving. Air predominantly, actually,
11 during resting breathing, comes in through the nose,
12 and then of course goes out into the gas-exchanging
13 portions of the lung.

14 Q. Could you turn to the next animation, which
15 shows lung structure and function.

16 A. Okay. Here --

17 Q. Tell us what we see here, doctor.

18 A. Here again, we're now looking at the lungs
19 again, beating -- moving slowly now in slow motion,
20 the heart beating, the air being carried into the
21 lungs, down the trachea, to this tissue of the lung
22 itself.

23 Here we're seeing that tissue, which has been
24 said to be sponge-like. The space is corresponding
25 to the air sacks, the alveoli, where gas exchange

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1 takes place within the -- within the lung.

2 Now what we're going to see as this goes on is
3 the structure in more detail, with here the bronchus
4 or the tube leading out. These tubes divide and
5 divide and divide perhaps 16 to 20 times until they
6 reach the level of the alveoli, which are the actual
7 gas-exchanging surfaces of the lung.

8 And so now we're going to take a look at an
9 alveolus in more detail, and you can see that
10 surrounding the alveolus there are blood vessels.
11 There's a very delicate layer of small blood vessels,
12 capillaries, that bring unoxygenated blood, shown

13 here in blue, to the alveolus, and there oxygenation
14 takes -- takes place.
15 Q. Can we go to the next frame, doctor.
16 A. And now as we keep going, we're just going to
17 see how the blood would be circulating through this
18 delicate capillary network with exchange of gases
19 going on, the carbon dioxide passing out and oxygen
20 going into the capillary where it binds to the
21 hemoglobin within the red sells, which are the
22 spherical structures moving past in this -- in this
23 animation. And then the blood from the capillaries,
24 all these capillaries around the many, many alveoli,
25 joins up into larger and larger vessels, returning to

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1 the heart to be pumped out through the left side of
2 the heart to the body.
3 Q. Doctor, could we go to the next animation
4 illustrating the function of the heart.
5 A. Yes. Again, now, on this animation, we're going
6 to just be taking a more detailed look at the heart,
7 shown here beating. And now in this diagram we see
8 the heart itself, it has -- it's a pump, pumping
9 blood from the right side. That is returned from the
10 body, out to the lungs, shown there in blue, into the
11 lungs where, as it becomes oxygenated, the blood goes
12 from a bluish color to a pinkish color, returning to
13 the left side of the heart to be pumped out through
14 the great vessels to the body.

15 These are simply the names of all these
16 different tubes and the different chambers of the
17 heart shown on this -- on this portion of the
18 animation.

19 Q. Doctor, let's talk about smoking now. And could
20 you show us an animation about how smoke enters the
21 body.

22 A. On this animation we're going to again see
23 the -- we will again see the lungs in -- being filled
24 and then emptying, the heart beating, and now an
25 animation of a cigarette being smoked and the smoke

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1 entering into the lungs.
2 Here we can see the smoke spreading out through
3 the tubes of the lung and reaching the alveoli, the
4 gas-exchanging surface of the lungs.
5 Q. Could you go to the next frame, doctor.
6 A. Yes.
7 Q. Now what do we see there?
8 A. In this frame, for example, or next frame?
9 Q. Well, let's go to the next frame, smoker lung
10 one.
11 A. Okay.
12 Q. Okay. Tell me what we see.
13 A. This frame is merely an animation, a schematic
14 of smoke within the lungs.
15 Q. Doctor, what is tobacco smoke made up of?
16 A. Well smoke is made up of a mixture of particles
17 and gases.

18 Q. And what are some of the chemical compounds in
19 smoke?
20 A. Of course thousands of compounds have been
21 identified in smoke. Some of the compounds that I'll
22 just briefly mention are carbon monoxide, nitrogen
23 oxides, cyanide, benzene, radiation, and many
24 carcinogens, a number of carcinogens.

25 Q. Doctor, what's a carcinogen?

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1 A. A carcinogen is a -- an agent that is capable of
2 causing cancer, that causes cancer.

3 Q. Doctor, I want to show you now a demonstrative
4 Exhibit, 30152. It's been previously admitted. But
5 before I do that, I'm going to have to move a couple
6 things around, so if you'll give me a moment.

7 A. Okay.

8 Q. Doctor, I've placed on the easel here Trial
9 Exhibit 30152, entitled "Known Carcinogens in Tobacco
10 Smoke Identified to Date." Can you tell me what is
11 on this exhibit, please.

12 A. This list --

13 This exhibit lists 71 carcinogens identified in
14 tobacco smoke to date, and I think the date here is
15 from an article published in 1997.

16 Q. Okay. Now can we go back to the animation,
17 doctor, and could you show the ladies and gentlemen
18 of the jury how the components of smoke are
19 transferred from the lung to the bloodstream.

20 A. Okay. Just to pass back through this animation,
21 of course we said that the lung has this very
22 delicate structure with the large surface for
23 exchanging materials, the alveoli, this sponge-like
24 surface that we talked about, and we said that within
25 its structure the tubes branch and bring the air

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1 containing smoke out to these delicate alveoli. And
2 again, the alveolus is surrounded by the network of
3 blood vessels that we -- that we talked about.

4 And here again we just see the reminder that the
5 blood is circulating around these alveoli, oxygen is
6 coming -- coming in, carbon dioxide is going out.
7 Then in the case of smoking, nicotine, the small
8 bullet-like items in this animation, carbon monoxide,
9 a gas, are crossing, and carbon monoxide, for
10 example, is bound quite tightly by the hemoglobin, in
11 fact far more tightly than oxygen itself. So again,
12 as shown in this schematic, as the blood returns to
13 the left side of the heart to be pumped out to the
14 body, it would be containing these agents that it had
15 picked up during its contact with the gas -- the
16 smoke in the lungs.

17 Q. And then once it enters the heart, where does it
18 go from there?

19 A. Well of course the blood that enters the left
20 side of the heart is pumped out through the aorta
21 throughout the body and all the organs of the body.

22 Q. Doctor, let's turn to the subject now of

23 epidemiology.
24 Could you give us, perhaps, a little more detail
25 regarding what the study or the science of
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1 epidemiology is.
2 A. Yes. I gave one definition as I began talking.
3 Epidemiology, again, is the science, including the
4 methods that are used, to study disease in human
5 populations. We use epidemiology to identify the
6 causes of disease, to identify the causes of health,
7 and it's our way we go to the population to find out
8 what amongst people is determining health.

9 Q. Now how do empideimiologists measure the
10 consequences of being exposed to cigarette smoke?

11 A. Well in terms of the actual measures that are
12 used, there are two relatively straightforward
13 measures that are used to describe how smoking
14 affects risk for disease.

15 Q. And what are those measures?

16 A. One is called the relative risk, and the other
17 is called the attributable risk.

18 Q. Well let's talk about relative risk for a
19 moment. And I first want to identify demonstrative
20 Exhibit 30159, which is a simple example of a
21 relative risk calculation.

22 MR. HAMLIN: And I want to offer it for
23 illustrative purposes only.

24 MR. GARNICK: No objection, Your Honor.

25 THE COURT: Court will receive 30159.

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1 BY MR. HAMLIN:

2 Q. Doctor, I'm going to place the exhibit on the
3 board, and if you would, would you come down and
4 explain just exactly how we go through this
5 calculation and what we obtain.

6 A. Okay. This board just simply shows some
7 theoretical data from perhaps a study involving 100
8 smokers and 100 never smokers, and perhaps these two
9 hundred people have been followed over time, and
10 after they've been observed in this study, of the
11 smokers, ten out of the 100 have developed lung
12 cancer, leaving 90 who have not, and again in this
13 example, one of the 100 never smokers has developed
14 lung cancer, leaving 99 who have not.

15 The way we would measure the strength of smoking
16 as a cause of cancer, of lung cancer in this example,
17 one way would be to calculate this value, the
18 relative risk, and it's just the proportion of the
19 smokers, our ten over 100, divided by the proportion
20 of the never smokers, the one over 100, and in this
21 case that answer is ten. That means that for the
22 smokers, they have 10 times the risk, that's 1,000
23 percent, of the never smokers of developing lung
24 cancer.

25 Q. So the relative risk is the increased risk for

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1 those who smoke.

2 A. That's correct.

3 Q. And what -- what would be the percentage there,
4 doctor?

5 A. Well the percentage, as I said, this relative
6 risk of ten is the same as a one thousand percent
7 increase.

8 Q. Now doctor, I want to --

9 You better stay where you are.

10 MR. HAMLIN: I want to identify
11 demonstrative exhibit -- Trial Exhibit 30160, which
12 is an example of the attributable risk calculation,
13 and offer that for illustrative purposes only.

14 MR. GARNICK: No objection, Your Honor.

15 THE COURT: Court will receive 30160.

16 BY MR. HAMLIN:

17 Q. Now doctor, directing your attention to Trial
18 Exhibit 30160, could you take us through this
19 exhibit, which is titled "Calculating Attributable
20 Risk."

21 A. Yes. As I -- as I said, there are two ways that
22 we measure the disease risk caused by smoking, one
23 the relative risk we just saw. This is the second
24 way, the attributable risk. This is the same
25 example, and in this example, to calculate the

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1 attributable risk, rather than dividing as we did to
2 calculate the relative risk, we're going to subtract.
3 So we're going to take this risk in the smokers, ten
4 over 100, and take away from that the risk in the
5 never smokers, the one over 100, leaving nine per
6 hundred. And what that is is just simply the extra
7 risk that the smokers have because they were smokers
8 rather than never smokers.

9 So again, the attributable risk just comes from
10 subtracting the risk of the never smokers from that
11 of the smokers.

12 Q. Thank you, doctor.

13 Now epidemiologists do certain types of
14 studies; is that right?

15 A. That's correct.

16 Q. I now want to show you another demonstrative
17 exhibit, it's Trial Exhibit 30158, which lists those
18 types of studies.

19 MR. HAMLIN: And I would offer that, Your
20 Honor, for illustrative purposes.

21 MR. GARNICK: No objection, Your Honor.

22 THE COURT: Court will receive 30158.

23 Q. I'll put the exhibit on the easel.

24 Doctor, this exhibit is titled "Major
25 Epidemiologic Study Designs." Could you tell the

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1 ladies and gentlemen of the jury the various designs
2 and give us a little detail about each.

3 A. This board lists the names of four types of

4 studies that epidemiologists do, and these are the
5 main types of studies. There's two broad groups
6 shown here. The top three are what we call
7 observational studies. The bottom, the randomized
8 clinical trial, is an experiment, and you might have
9 heard of that kind of experiment where people are
10 randomized to take a drug to determine if the drug
11 works for a particular disease, perhaps some taking
12 the drug and some taking another drug or placebo.

13 For smoking, of course, we can't do randomized
14 trials, assigning people to smoke or not to smoke,
15 although we have done randomized trials of the
16 benefits of smoking cessation. But the evidence that
17 I'll be talking about comes principally from these
18 observational studies, the cross-sectional study, the
19 same as a survey, the cohort study, and the
20 case-control study.

21 If I could just say a word or two about each
22 design.

23 Q. Yeah. Could you tell us about, yeah, the design
24 of the cross-sectional study.

25 A. Okay. In a cross-sectional study, it's like a
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1 survey, so this would be just asking someone at one
2 point in time, for example, do they smoke, do they
3 have chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, symptoms
4 of cough or other symptoms? Just at one instant in
5 time, that's a survey.

6 Q. And can you tell us about the next study design,
7 which is cohort study?

8 A. The next study design listed here, the cohort
9 study, is a prospective design, it's often called a
10 prospective study, and this involves following groups
11 of people over time, say smokers and never smokers,
12 and looking at the risks of disease in the groups,
13 the two groups, as they're followed.

14 Q. And could you tell us about the third type of
15 study design, the case-control study.

16 A. The case-control study is sort of the opposite
17 of the cohort study, so instead of starting with
18 people who are smokers and never smokers, in this
19 case we studied people who have the disease we're
20 concerned about, perhaps lung cancer, and some
21 control group who are like the people who have the
22 disease, lung cancer, but don't have it, and then we
23 obtain information about their exposures.

24 And I'll be talking later on about case-control
25 studies of lung cancer involving people who have lung

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1 cancer and controls where both groups were asked in
2 the same way about their smoking.

3 Q. Could you tell us about the final study design
4 on the exhibit, which is randomized clinical trial?

5 A. Yes. This design, of course, is -- is very
6 important for evaluating therapies and benefit --
7 beneficial interventions. It involves assigning at
8 random groups to be exposed to the treatment and --

9 or not exposed to the treatment that's being tested,
10 and this design has been used, for example, to
11 determine if intensive smoking cessation methods will
12 benefit lung health.

13 Q. Thank you, doctor. You can return now to the
14 stand and I'll put this exhibit down.

15 THE COURT: Counsel, why don't we take a
16 short recess at this time.

17 MR. HAMLIN: Yes, Your Honor.

18 THE CLERK: Court stands in recess.

19 (Recess taken.)

20 THE CLERK: All rise. Court is again in
21 session.

22 (Jury does not enter the courtroom.)

23 THE COURT: I would like to direct these
24 few comments to counsel in this case.

25 I expect counsel to act at all times in a

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1 courteous manner and to act as officers of this
2 court. In conducting this trial I do not want
3 counsel to be leaning on the bench at the jury box
4 nor standing there when you conduct examination. I
5 do not want counsel making any unnecessary noise,
6 unnecessary paper shuffling, unnecessary note passing
7 so as to distract the jury from hearing the testimony
8 that is going on in the trial.

9 I prefer not to have to correct counsel in front
10 of the jury. Please do not force me to do that.

11 Bring the jury in.

12 THE CLERK: All rise.

13 (Jury enters the courtroom.)

14 THE CLERK: Please be seated.

15 THE COURT: Counsel.

16 MR. HAMLIN: Thank you, Your Honor.

17 BY MR. HAMLIN:

18 Q. Dr. Samet, I believe you testified that these
19 first three study designs, cross-sectional, cohort,
20 and case-control, are observational studies; is that
21 right?

22 A. That's right. And as applied to smoking, these
23 are designs in which we would be studying the
24 consequences of people smoking or not smoking as
25 occurs in the population.

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1 Q. Now how many of the studies that we'll be
2 discussing today are randomized clinical trials?

3 A. Very little evidence that we'll be discussing
4 will come from randomized clinical trials.

5 Q. Why is that?

6 A. Well the only clinical trials -- randomized
7 clinical trials that could ethically be done on
8 smoking involves randomization of smoking cessation
9 analysis, and certainly not randomization of people
10 who smoke or not smoke, that simply would not be
11 ethical.

12 Q. Why wouldn't it be ethical?

13 A. Well because of the evidence that smoking is a

14 cause of disease.
15 Q. Doctor, can bias affect the results of
16 epidemiological studies?
17 A. Yes, it can.
18 Q. How?
19 A. Well by -- by "bias," we're referring to any
20 distortion of the findings of an epidemiologic study
21 away from the truth.
22 Q. What kinds of bias are there?
23 A. Okay. Technically we talk in epidemiology about
24 three different kinds of bias, information bias,
25 selection bias, and something we'd call confounding.

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1 Q. Can you give us an example of information bias.
2 A. Yes. Information bias means that the
3 information obtained in the study may have some error
4 in it. For example, the study might be done and
5 someone who smokes, instead of correctly reporting
6 their smoking or that they are a smoker, gives
7 incorrect information. That would be an example of
8 information bias.
9 Q. Can you give us an example of selection bias.
10 A. Yes. Selection bias refers to bias coming from
11 the way that people are selected to be in the study.
12 For example, someone might be doing a survey and
13 perhaps people who smoke and are also sick are less
14 likely to participate in the study than those who are
15 healthy, so this bias through the selection of people
16 to be in the study would introduce perhaps some
17 distortion.
18 Q. Can you give us an example of confounding.
19 A. Okay. Confounding refers to the bias that
20 arises when the effect of one factor is mixed up with
21 the effect of the factor that we want to study.
22 Let me -- let me try and give you an example.
23 Let's say that we're interested in the risk of
24 high -- having high blood pressure and heart attack,
25 and if those who have high blood pressure are also

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1 more likely to have high blood cholesterol levels,
2 another cause of heart attack, then when we looked at
3 the effects of hypertension, they could be mixed with
4 those of having a cholesterol level that was high,
5 and the resulting assessment of the effects of high
6 blood pressure, we would say, might be confounded by
7 the effects of having high blood cholesterol.
8 Q. Doctor, how do epidemiologists correct or deal
9 with bias?
10 A. Well we're always concerned about bias. We know
11 that bias can affect observational studies. As we
12 design studies, think about how the information will
13 be collected and ultimately analyzed, we look each
14 step along the way for how we can control the effects
15 of bias, or in the end as we analyze the data and
16 interpret it, try to find out if bias occurred and
17 what its effects could have been.
18 Q. Doctor, how do epidemiologists correct for

19 confounding?
20 A. Okay. Remember in confounding we're concerned
21 about the effect of one factor being mixed up with
22 that of a factor we're studying, and one very basic
23 approach to this is something called stratification.
24 So we divide the data up into different groups of
25 people that are alike on the factors that might be

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1 confounders, but let's say are smokers and
2 non-smokers. Or on an example of hypertension, we
3 would look at the effects of having high blood
4 pressure in people with low cholesterol and high
5 cholesterol. So we're always putting the data of the
6 group, the information from people, into piles of
7 like and like, except for the fact that we're trying
8 to understand its effects.

9 Q. So in comparing like to like, doctor, are we
10 attempting to measure the differences between these
11 two groups?

12 A. Well what we would like to do in the end is to
13 have the data lined up in these piles as like and
14 like, differing only in the effects of the factor
15 that we are interested in studying, today talking
16 about smoking. So we would try and put the data into
17 these piles for the different confounding factors,
18 comparing smokers and non-smokers in -- in groups
19 that are alike.

20 Q. And in that way you would isolate the effect of
21 smoking; is that it?

22 A. This would be a strategy that would allow us to
23 isolate the independent effect of smoking from the
24 effects of these potential confounding factors.

25 Q. Doctor, let's turn now to some selective

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1 epidemiological studies concerning smoking and
2 health.

3 The first study is the Wynder and Graham study,
4 and it is at Trial Exhibit 15911 in your testimony
5 notebook. Do you have that study in front of you,
6 doctor?

7 A. Yes. Yes, I do.

8 Q. And can you identify that study for the record,
9 please.

10 A. Yes, this is a paper published in the Journal of
11 the American Medical Association, May 27th, 1950,
12 entitled "TOBACCO SMOKING AS A POSSIBLE ETIOLOGIC
13 FACTOR IN BRONCHIOGENIC CARCINOMA" by Ernest L.
14 Wynder and Evarts A. Graham.

15 Q. Doctor, did you review this study as part of
16 your investigation in this case?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Does this study form part of the basis of your
19 opinions in this case?

20 A. Yes, it does.

21 Q. Doctor, do you consider this to be a reliable
22 authority in the published scientific literature?

23 A. I do.

24 MR. HAMLIN: Your Honor, we offer Trial
25 Exhibit 15911 under Rule 803(18) as a learned
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1 treatise.

2 MR. GARNICK: No objection, Your Honor.

3 THE COURT: Court will receive 15911.

4 BY MR. HAMLIN:

5 Q. Doctor, I now want to identify demonstrative
6 exhibit -- it's Trial Exhibit 30162, title is
7 "Wynder & Graham Case-Control Study."

8 MR. HAMLIN: Your Honor, we're offering
9 this for illustrative purposes only.

10 MR. GARNICK: No objection, Your Honor.

11 THE COURT: Court will receive 30162 for
12 illustrative purposes.

13 BY MR. HAMLIN:

14 Q. I'm going to put the board on the easel, and
15 doctor, I'd like to ask you to come down from the
16 witness stand and, if you will, if you could take us
17 through this exhibit.

18 First of all, could you give us the title again.

19 A. The title is -- of the exhibit is "Wynder &
20 Graham Case-Control Study (1950)."

21 Q. And this refers to the study that you just
22 identified; is that right?

23 A. That's correct.

24 Q. And there are two columns, one is "Design" and
25 the other is "Results." Could you explain to us what

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1 is in the design column.

2 A. Yes. This -- these four bullets just simply
3 sketch out the design features of the study. This is
4 a case-control study, one of the three types of
5 observational studies. This is the type involving
6 comparing the exposures of people who have a disease,
7 in this example lung cancer, with that of controls.
8 So this was a case-control study, the patients from
9 the United States, 605 persons who had lung cancer,
10 780 controls without lung cancer. By interview they
11 responded to information concerning their smoking.

12 Q. Let's go to the results column, doctor. Could
13 you describe for us what is in that column.

14 A. Yes. This -- this portion of the board simply
15 shows the results of this study. So now we're
16 looking at relative risk values where for never
17 smokers who smoke zero cigarettes a day the relative
18 risk is set at one. That's our baseline value. Then
19 we can see increasing numbers of cigarettes per day
20 smoked -- smoked by these individuals, up to 35 or
21 more a day, and then the corresponding relative risk
22 values.

23 There's several things that you should notice
24 here, that, in general, as the number of cigarettes
25 smoked per day goes up, the relative risk rises.

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1 This is something that we will be referring to as a
2 dose/response relationship or an exposure/response
3 relationship. The other is just simply in terms of
4 how high the values reach. At the higher levels of
5 smoking, the smokers have about 30 times the risk of
6 the never smokers of lung cancer. That's a 3,000
7 percent increase, approximately, in risk for lung
8 cancer in this study done in 1950.

9 Q. All right, doctor. Let's go on to the next
10 study. And maybe what I'd ask you to do is bring
11 your notebook down, and we can put it on the podium
12 and more easily work with the demonstratives.

13 The next exhibit that I want to direct your
14 attention to is 16769, which is the Doll and Hill
15 study. Could you turn to that.

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Do you have that in front of you?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Could you identify that, doctor, please.

20 A. Okay. This is a publication in the British
21 Medical Journal in 1950, Volume II, pages 735 through
22 '48 entitled "SMOKING AND CARCINOMA OF THE LUNG,
23 PRELIMINARY REPORT" by Richard Doll and A. Bradford
24 Hill.

25 Q. Doctor, have you reviewed that study as part of
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1 your investigation in this matter?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. And does that study form a part of the basis of
4 your opinions in this case?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Do you consider it a reliable authority in the
7 published scientific literature?

8 A. Yes.

9 MR. HAMLIN: Your Honor, we offer trial
10 Exhibit 16769 as a learned treatise.

11 MR. GARNICK: No objection.

12 THE COURT: Court will receive 16769.

13 BY MR. HAMLIN:

14 Q. Doctor, I now want to direct your attention to
15 demonstrative Exhibit 30161 which is titled "Doll &
16 Hill Case-Control Study (1950)."

17 MR. HAMLIN: And Your Honor, we offer that
18 exhibit for illustrative purposes only.

19 MR. GARNICK: Your Honor, I might be
20 missing it, but defendants would object because I
21 don't think that the risk estimates on these -- on
22 this demonstrative exhibit appear as in the study
23 itself. If that's the representation, I might well
24 be mistaken, but I could not find it.

25 MR. HAMLIN: Well --

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1 THE COURT: Okay.

2 MR. HAMLIN: -- Your Honor, I can lay some
3 foundation.

4 THE COURT: All right. Lay some foundation

5 then.
6 BY MR. HAMLIN:
7 Q. All right. Doctor, now you have reviewed the
8 Doll and Hill article, including the tables and the
9 data; correct?
10 A. Yes, I have.
11 Q. And based on the information and the data in the
12 study and in the article, did you prepare Trial
13 Exhibit 30161?
14 A. Yes.
15 Q. Okay. And does Trial Exhibit 30161 accurately
16 and faithfully represent the information and data
17 contained in that article?
18 A. That's right. It's simply a recalculation and
19 redisplay of data contained in the article.
20 Q. And will this exhibit assist the jury in
21 understanding your testimony?
22 A. Yes.
23 MR. HAMLIN: Your Honor, we'd offer it.
24 MR. GARNICK: Your Honor, we have no
25 objection as a recalculation.

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1 THE COURT: All right. Court will receive
2 30161 for illustrative purposes.
3 MR. HAMLIN: Thank you, Your Honor.
4 BY MR. HAMLIN:
5 Q. Dr. Samet, let's put the exhibit up on the
6 easel. Once again we see two columns, "Design" and
7 "Results." Doctor, could you tell us about the
8 design of the Doll and Hill case-control study.
9 A. Yes. This is a study similar in design to the
10 study that I just described by Wynder and Graham, a
11 case-control study involving persons coming to a
12 hospital in London with a presumptive diagnosis of
13 lung cancer, those 709 persons, and a group of
14 controls not having lung cancer were selected for
15 this study, and they were interviewed concerning
16 smoking and other factors.
17 Q. Let's go to the results column, doctor. Could
18 you tell us about the results of the Doll and Hill
19 case-control studies.
20 A. The left side of the board simply shows, as in
21 the previous study, the relative risk for lung cancer
22 in men, comparing ever smokers to never smokers by
23 the number of cigarettes smoked per day. As in the
24 other study we see a dose/response, the relative risk
25 rises with the number of cigarettes smoked per day,

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1 again reaching values at the higher levels of smoking
2 around 30, or again, approximately 3,000 percent
3 increased risk for developing lung cancer in the
4 smoker compared to the never smoker.
5 Q. All right, doctor, I want to show you now the
6 British doctors studies, and there are several
7 exhibits in your testimony notebook. Could you first
8 turn to Exhibit 15913. Do you have that?
9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Could you identify this, doctor.
11 A. This is a paper from the British Medical
12 Journal, December 25th, 1976, entitled "Mortality in
13 relation to smoking: 20 years' observations on male
14 British doctors" by Richard Doll and Richard Peto."
15 Q. Can you tell us a little bit about the British
16 doctors study.
17 A. Yes. This was a study started in 1951 by
18 Richard Doll and Bradford Hill following the
19 case-control study in which approximately 36,000 male
20 physicians and another group of about 6,000 female
21 physicians were enrolled in a cohort study, a
22 follow-up study that in fact has been going on to the
23 present. The 40-year data were recently reported.
24 Q. And this is one of the reports that you've just
25 identified?

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1 A. Correct. This is the report of 20 years of
2 observation.
3 Q. Okay. Let me direct your attention now to
4 another report of the British doctors study, that's
5 15918. That's the trial exhibit number. Could you
6 identify that, doctor?
7 A. Yes. This is another paper published in the
8 British Medical Journal, June 26, 1954, entitled "THE
9 MORTALITY OF DOCTORS IN RELATION TO THEIR SMOKING
10 HABITS, A PRELIMINARY REPORT" by Richard Doll and A.
11 Bradford Hill.
12 Q. Doctor, let me direct your attention now to
13 Trial Exhibit 15973. Could you identify that exhibit
14 for the record, please?
15 A. Yes. This is another paper from the British
16 Medical Journal published in 1964, Volume I, pages
17 1399 to 1410. This paper is entitled "Mortality in
18 Relation to Smoking: Ten Years' Observations of
19 British Doctors," in other words, the 10-year
20 follow-up on the study. The authors, again, Richard
21 Doll and Austin Bradford Hill.
22 Q. Doctor, could you direct your attention now to
23 Trial Exhibit 20203. Could you identify that
24 exhibit, sir.
25 A. Yes. Still another paper from the British

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1 Medical Journal, now April 5th, 1980, entitled
2 "Mortality in relation to smoking: 22 years'
3 observations on female British doctors" by Richard
4 Doll, Richard Gray, Barbara Hafner and Richard Peto.
5 Q. This is now another report of the British
6 doctors?
7 A. That's correct, focusing on the female British
8 doctors.
9 Q. And finally, doctor, could you turn to Trial
10 Exhibit 20213. Could you identify that study, sir.
11 A. Yes. This is another paper from the British
12 Medical Journal, October 8th, 1994, "Mortality in
13 relation to smoking: 40 years' observations on male
14 British doctors," in other words, the results of the

15 40-year follow-up on the original cohort, authors
16 Richard Doll, Richard Peto, Keith Wheatley, Richard
17 Gray and Isabelle Sutherland.
18 Q. Doctor, did you review Trial Exhibits 15913,
19 15918, 15973, 20203 and 20213 as part of your
20 investigation in this case?
21 A. Yes.
22 Q. And do these studies form part of the basis of
23 your opinions in this case?
24 A. Yes, they do.
25 Q. All right. Do you consider these studies to be
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1 reliable authorities in the published -- published
2 scientific literature?
3 A. Yes.
4 MR. HAMLIN: Your Honor, we offer trial
5 Exhibits 15913, 15918, 15973, 20203 and 20213.
6 MR. GARNICK: No objection.
7 THE COURT: Court will receive 15913,
8 15918, 15973, 20203 and 20213.
9 MR. HAMLIN: Thank you, Your Honor.
10 BY MR. HAMLIN:
11 Q. At this time, Dr. Samet, I want to direct your
12 attention to another demonstrative exhibit, it's
13 Trial Exhibit 30164, title of this is "British
14 Doctors Study Design."
15 MR. HAMLIN: Your Honor, and we offer it
16 for illustrative purposes only.
17 MR. GARNICK: No objection.
18 THE COURT: Court will receive 30164 for
19 illustrative purposes.
20 BY MR. HAMLIN:
21 Q. Doctor, let's put this board on the easel. Now
22 the title of this exhibit is "British Doctors Study
23 Design." Can you describe for the jury the study
24 design of the British doctors.
25 A. Okay. This is really just a layout of what I've
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1 already described about the study. This was a
2 prospective cohort study, a follow-up study. It
3 began in 1951 when Doll and Hill identified this
4 group of physicians to follow over time. The
5 original group included the male physicians whom I
6 mentioned, another group of approximately 6,000
7 female physicians. Some of the diseases that were
8 looked at -- everything here was looked at in terms
9 of mortality -- included lung cancers, chronic
10 obstructive pulmonary disease, coronary heart
11 disease, to diseases of the heart vessels associated
12 with heart attack, and other diseases. And in this
13 study they periodically asked the doctors, again,
14 if -- about their smoking, so that those who were not
15 smoking originally, they found out whether they had
16 started, those who may have stopped smoking, they
17 found out if they had stopped.
18 Q. Doctor, if you could now return to the stand and
19 please take your notebook with you.

20 Doctor, we've now described the study design of
21 the British doctors. We now have some demonstrative
22 exhibits to describe the results. The first
23 demonstrative exhibit is Trial Exhibit 30104.

24 MR. HAMLIN: Your Honor, at this time we
25 offer it for demonstrative purposes only.

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1 MR. GARNICK: No objection, Your Honor.

2 THE COURT: It will be received into
3 evidence.

4 MR. HAMLIN: Put that on the overhead.

5 Q. Doctor, as you can see, the exhibit is entitled
6 "Relative Risk of Lung Cancer at Various Points of
7 Follow-Up in the British Doctors Study, 1951-1991 -
8 Men." Doctor, could you explain to us what is on
9 that table. Perhaps you could start at the left-hand
10 column --

11 A. Right.

12 Q. -- and work across.

13 A. This -- this table -- this table simply
14 describes the results of the British doctors study as
15 it unfolded over time, first at four years of
16 follow-up, then at ten years of follow-up, 20 years
17 of follow-up, and I think, going on down the table,
18 at 40 years of follow-up. At each point of follow-up
19 the relative risk for developing lung cancer is shown
20 for never smokers, zero cigarettes a day, and then
21 the various smoking groups, one to 14 cigarettes a
22 day, 15 to 24, and 25 or more a day. And then the
23 overall increase in risk for current smokers compared
24 to never smokers is up at the top.

25 What we can see is that in each -- at each time

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1 point there is a very strong increase in risk for
2 current smokers for lung cancer compared with never
3 smokers, and at each time period we can see a very
4 strong dose/response; that is, an increase in
5 relative risk for lung cancer going from one in the
6 never smokers to 20 or more in each of the time
7 periods.

8 So if we could just run through these, these are
9 the data at four years of follow-up, ten years of
10 follow-up, going from one up now for 25 or more
11 cigarettes a day to a 32-fold increased risk, that's
12 over 3,000 percent. At 20 years of follow-up, again
13 evidence of a strong dose/response, and that
14 persisted out to 40 years of follow-up. So here we
15 have a --

16 Q. Doctor, at the 40-year follow-up, could you take
17 us through the various columns which are cigarettes
18 per day and relative risk?

19 A. Certainly. So at the 40-year follow-up for
20 current smokers, the overall risk, relative risk
21 compared to never smokers was 14.9, approximately 15.
22 Again going through the dose/response, our never
23 smokers are one by definition, persons smoking one to
24 14 cigarettes a day 7.5 or 750 percent increase, 15

25 to 24 cigarettes a day 14.9 or approximately 1500
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1 percent increase, 25 or more cigarettes a day,
2 relative risk of 25.4, approximately 2500 percent
3 increase in relative risk.
4 Q. So this rise in relative risk is what you call a
5 dose/response?
6 A. Dose/response.
7 MR. HAMLIN: Your Honor, at this time we
8 offer Trial Exhibit 30106, which is another
9 demonstrative exhibit entitled "Relative Risk of COPD
10 at Various Points of Follow-Up in the British Doctors
11 Study, 1951-1991 - Men." And we offer that for
12 illustrative purposes.
13 MR. GARNICK: No objection, Your Honor.
14 THE COURT: Court will receive 30 --
15 MR. HAMLIN: 106.
16 THE COURT: -- 106.
17 MR. HAMLIN: 30106.
18 BY MR. HAMLIN:
19 Q. And -- no, that's not -- let's see 106. Okay.
20 Actually, I think I made a mistake in reading
21 the title there. It's "Coronary Heart Disease."
22 Doctor, can you correct my mistake and read the
23 title of this demonstrative?
24 A. Certainly. This demonstrative, the table is
25 entitled "Relative Risk of Coronary Heart Disease at
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1 Various Points of Follow-Up in the British Doctors
2 Study."
3 Q. And can you describe for us what's in this
4 exhibit?
5 A. Yes. This -- this exhibit is laid out exactly
6 like the last one. We're again looking at the
7 findings of the British doctors study, four years, 10
8 years, 20 years and 40 years of follow-up. The
9 information is shown for ever smokers compared to
10 never smokers, and then the dose/response.
11 Now one thing you've probably already noticed is
12 that in this case, for coronary heart disease, the
13 relative risks are lower than what we saw for lung
14 cancer; instead of talking about relative risk of 20
15 or 25 or 30, the values are 1.4 and so forth. If I
16 could see the 29 --
17 At 20 years, I think it's about 1.9 for the 25
18 or more. We see these lower relative risks in this
19 case because coronary heart disease has certainly
20 other causes besides smoking, and we're now seeing
21 the added effect of smoking on top of the effect of
22 these other factors. We still see evidence of
23 dose/response with the risks tending to rise. And
24 again, across the 40 years of follow-up, we see that
25 the dose/response persists.
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1 Q. Doctor, I want to direct your attention now to
2 Trial Exhibit 30105. That's a demonstrative exhibit
3 entitled "Relative Risk of COPD at Various Points of
4 Follow-Up in the British Doctors Study, 1951-1991 -
5 Men."

6 MR. HAMLIN: And Your Honor, at this time
7 we offer Trial Exhibit 30105 for illustrative
8 purposes only.

9 MR. GARNICK: No objection, Your Honor.

10 THE COURT: Court will receive 30105 for
11 illustrative purposes.

12 BY MR. HAMLIN:

13 Q. Doctor, first can you tell us what COPD stands
14 for?

15 A. Yes. C -- COPD stands for chronic obstructive
16 pulmonary disease. Now that's the name being used at
17 the moment for disease that often in the past has
18 been called emphysema or sometimes chronic
19 bronchitis, but it refers to the irreversible damage
20 of the lung that results in shortness of breath and
21 functional limitation in people who smoke. And in
22 fact, the lungs of people who have this condition do
23 show emphysema and other signs of damage.

24 Q. Doctor, can you go to the 40 years' follow-up
25 and take us through the columns there.

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1 A. Yes. Again, this table is laid out very much
2 like the other tables, showing the overall increase
3 in risk for current smokers compared to never
4 smokers, 12.7, and again the dose/response, one for
5 the never smokers, rising up to 22.5, over 2,000
6 percent increased risk for COPD deaths for those
7 smoking 25 or more cigarettes a day.

8 Again, you can see that in contrast to the heart
9 disease data that we just saw, and more like the lung
10 cancer, the relative risks are very high, the
11 dose/response is very steep, and again, that reflects
12 the fact that at this point in developed societies,
13 the United Kingdom, the United States, there are very
14 few causes of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
15 other than tobacco smoking.

16 Q. Doctor, I'd like to direct your attention now to
17 Trial Exhibit 30107, which is entitled "Relative Risk
18 of Lung Cancer at Various Points of Follow-Up in the
19 British Doctors Study, 1951-1953 - Women."

20 MR. HAMLIN: And Your Honor, we would offer
21 that for illustrative purposes only.

22 MR. GARNICK: No objection, Your Honor.

23 THE COURT: Court will receive 30107 for
24 illustrative purposes.

25 BY MR. HAMLIN:

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1 Q. Can you put that up? Can you see -- strike
2 that.

3 Doctor, can you tell us what is on those tables
4 that we see in that exhibit?

5 A. Okay. These are the findings now for the

6 relative risk of lung cancer. I should make clear
7 that this is death from lung cancer in the women,
8 approximately 6,000, included in the British doctors
9 study at 10 years of follow-up and at 22 years of
10 follow-up. And again, here at 10 years we're looking
11 at a relative risk of lung cancer for current smokers
12 versus never smokers, and at 22 years, looking at the
13 dose/response information.

14 Q. Now as compared to never smokers, doctor, for
15 the 10-year follow-up, what is the relative risk for
16 current smokers?

17 A. In 10 years of follow-up -- this would
18 correspond to approximately 1961 -- it was five.

19 Q. And again, what does that mean?

20 A. That means a 500 percent increase in the risk
21 of, again, lung cancer death, which was the outcome
22 in this study, for smokers compared to never smokers.

23 Q. Doctor, I want to direct your attention now to
24 Trial Exhibit 30108, that's a demonstrative exhibit,
25 it's entitled "Relative Risk of Coronary Heart

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1 Disease at Various Points of Follow-Up in the British
2 Doctors Study, 1951 to 1973 - Women."

3 MR. HAMLIN: Your Honor, at this time we
4 offer this exhibit for illustrative purposes only.

5 MR. GARNICK: No objection.

6 THE COURT: Court will receive 30108 for
7 illustrative purposes.

8 BY MR. HAMLIN:

9 Q. Doctor, I want to direct your attention now to
10 the chart that we see on the screen, and can you
11 describe for us the tables and the data on that
12 chart.

13 A. Yes. Again, this is information on relative
14 risks for death from coronary heart disease in women
15 participants in the British doctors study at 10 years
16 and at 22 years of follow-up, corresponding to 1973.

17 Q. Can you take us through the columns, explain to
18 us what we're seeing.

19 A. Yes. You can see at 10 years, in fact, the
20 relative risk value does not indicate an increased
21 risk for coronary heart disease death in the women in
22 the first 10 years of follow-up. You can see that at
23 22 years of follow-up there was an approximate
24 doubling of risk of coronary heart disease, relative
25 risk for coronary heart disease death, looking at

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1 women smoking 15 to 24 or 25 or more cigarettes per
2 day, approximately 200 percent.

3 Q. When you say "doubling," are you referring to
4 the relative risk column, 2.2 and 2.1?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Doctor, I now want to turn to another study, the
7 Framingham study, and that's at Trial Exhibit 16409
8 of your testimony notebook. Could you identify that
9 study, doctor.

10 A. This is a paper published in the Journal of the

11 American Medical Association, February 19th, 1988,
12 entitled "Cigarette Smoking as a Risk Factor for
13 Stroke, The Framingham Study" by Philip Wolf, Ralph
14 D'Agostino, William Kannel, Ruth Bonita and Albert
15 Belanger.

16 Q. Doctor, have you reviewed this study as part of
17 your investigation in this case?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Does it form part of the basis of your opinions
20 in this case?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Doctor, do you consider this study to be a
23 reliable authority in the scientific literature?

24 A. Yes.

25 MR. HAMLIN: Your Honor, we offer Trial
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1 Exhibit 16409 as a learned treatise.

2 MR. GARNICK: No objection, Your Honor.

3 THE COURT: Court will receive 16409.

4 MR. HAMLIN: Your Honor, I -- excuse me.

5 Q. Dr. Samet, I'd like to refer you now to another
6 demonstrative exhibit, it's trial Exhibit 30165, and
7 it is a summary of the Framingham study.

8 MR. HAMLIN: And we offer that for
9 illustrative purposes, Your Honor.

10 MR. GARNICK: No objection, Your Honor.

11 THE COURT: Court will receive 30165 for
12 illustrative purposes.

13 BY MR. HAMLIN:

14 Q. Dr. Samet, I'm going to place the exhibit on the
15 easel, and if you could come down from the witness
16 stand.

17 Doctor, the title of this demonstrative is
18 "Framingham Study." Again, we have two columns,
19 "Design" and "Results for Stroke." Could you talk to
20 us a bit about the design of the Framingham study,
21 based on this exhibit.

22 A. Yes. Well Framingham refers to Framingham,
23 Massachusetts, which is where the study was done.
24 And this is a small town just to the west of Boston.
25 The study actually originated in the late 1940s

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1 because it had become clear by then that mortality
2 from coronary heart disease was rising, but no one
3 quite understood why.

4 This study was undertaken as a prospective
5 cohort study in this community to understand the
6 causes of coronary heart disease. It involved a
7 population of over 5,000 men and women. The
8 participants in the study had a fairly extensive set
9 of examinations every two years. The principal
10 consequences, measures of outcome, that were of
11 interest were coronary heart disease and stroke,
12 among others. And the group was followed to identify
13 incidence; that is, new events, and also death and
14 the causes of the death of the participants in the
15 study.

16 Q. Could you turn now, doctor, to the column marked
17 "Results for Stroke," and describe for us the results
18 of the study.

19 A. Okay. On -- on this side, again we see the
20 results in the Framingham study for occurrence of
21 stroke for women and men; women at the top, men at
22 the bottom. We're looking now again at relative
23 risks for stroke.

24 These have been adjusted for age and also for
25 one factor that's also a cause of stroke,

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1 hypertension. And here we see the dose/response by
2 numbers of cigarettes smoked per day, and you can see
3 that in men -- in men and in women, there's
4 approximately equivalent dose/response relationship
5 between the number of cigarettes smoked and the
6 relative risk for stroke.

7 Q. Now doctor, the relative risks that we see there
8 are not as high as for lung cancer and COPD. Why is
9 that?

10 A. Again, these values are similar to those that we
11 saw in the British doctors study for coronary heart
12 disease. And stroke, like heart disease, has a
13 number of causes. So that here we're looking at the
14 additional risk from smoking as it operates on the
15 background of risk posed by these other causes.

16 Q. Doctor, I now want to refer you to another
17 study, the American Cancer Society's Cancer
18 Prevention Study, which is at Trial Exhibit 15980 in
19 your testimony notebook.

20 Do you have that study?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Could you identify that?

23 A. Yes. This is a paper published in the American
24 Journal of Public Health, September of 1995, entitled
25 "Excess Mortality among Cigarette Smokers: Changes

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1 in a 20-Year Interval" by Michael Thun, Cathy
2 Day-Lally, Eugenia Calle, Dana Flanders and Clark
3 Heath.

4 Q. Okay. And have you reviewed that study as part
5 of your investigation in this case?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Does that study form part of the basis of your
8 opinions in this case?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Do you consider that study to be a reliable
11 authority in the scientific literature?

12 A. Yes.

13 MR. HAMLIN: Your Honor, we offer Trial
14 Exhibit 15980 as a learned treatise.

15 MR. GARNICK: No objection.

16 THE COURT: Court will receive 15980.

17 BY MR. HAMLIN:

18 Q. Doctor, I now want to show you a demonstrative
19 exhibit regarding the American Cancer Society's
20 Cancer Prevention Study, and that is Trial Exhibit

21 30163.
22 MR. HAMLIN: And Your Honor, we offer that
23 demonstrative for illustrative purposes.
24 MR. GARNICK: No objection, Your Honor.
25 THE COURT: Court will receive 30163 for
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1 illustrative purposes.
2 BY MR. HAMLIN:
3 Q. Dr. Samet, if you could put the board on the
4 easel. The title of the -- of the demonstrative is
5 "Cancer Prevention Study I and II." Can you tell us
6 about the design, and perhaps you could begin by
7 talking about why there are two Roman numerals.
8 A. Okay. This panel describes the design of two
9 studies done by the American Cancer Society, both
10 involved one million Americans, and both were studies
11 done by the volunteers of the American Cancer Society
12 who assisted in the recruitment of the participants
13 to this study -- studies and collecting the data.
14 The first study, sometimes referred to as CPS or
15 Cancer Prevention Study No. I, went on from 1959 to
16 1972, involving about a million Americans. CPS II,
17 which is still in progress, began in 1982 and
18 involves, again, about a million Americans, not the
19 same people who are in CPS I, but a new group who
20 were enrolled into CPS II.
21 These groups, both the million, have been
22 followed in this prospective cohort study, and the
23 American Cancer Society identifies each person who
24 has died and gains information about what has caused
25 the death, the cause of death. There has been in
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1 these studies some periodic attempt to reassess
2 smoking.
3 Q. Doctor, I see a bullet point there, age 30 plus.
4 What does that mean?
5 A. That's right. This bullet simply refers to the
6 age of the participants. They were at least 30 years
7 at the time they were -- began their participation in
8 this study.
9 Q. Let's go to the column marked one and two
10 results. Can you tell us what we see in that column?
11 A. Okay. Here we now see two columns, men and
12 women, and then within each column CPS I and CPS II.
13 Now what we're looking at here is the relative risk
14 for death, for death, comparing current smokers to
15 never smokers for a number of causes of death, lung
16 cancer, other cancers linked to smoking, coronary
17 heart disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease,
18 and stroke.
19 So let's take, for example, lung cancer. For
20 men, the overall relative risk in CPS I, that was
21 1959 to '72 -- actually I think in this comparison
22 we're looking at the early years of the study, this
23 is '59 to '65, and '82 to '86. The relative risk of
24 death in men in CPS I, 11.9, about 12, in CPS II, 23.
25 In women in CPS I the relative risk is 2.7, about

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1 three, and in CPS II, 12.8.

2 And we can go down, and for each disease
3 category you can see that all the relative risk
4 values are above one. You can see that in general,
5 and I think in every instance, the relative risk
6 values have risen comparing CPS II to CPS I,
7 approximately 15 -- I'm sorry, 23, 24 years earlier.
8 You can see that the rise has been particularly
9 strong in women for the relative risks; for example,
10 chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, 6.7 CPS I,
11 12.8 CPS II; lung cancer, 2.7 CPS I, '59 to '65, 12.8
12 in the 1980s. And you can see, again, the varying
13 strength of tobacco smoking -- of cigarette smoking
14 in causing these diseases, going from lung cancer,
15 23-fold increase, to coronary heart disease, a
16 doubling of the risk of dying by -- for the current
17 smokers compared to never smokers.

18 Q. Now doctor, let's be clear about that term that
19 you just used. You said "never smokers." What --
20 what do you mean by "never smokers?"

21 A. These --

22 In this study, these never smokers would refer
23 to individuals who reported themselves as never
24 smoking essentially a significant amount of -- number
25 of cigarettes.

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1 Q. Was there a threshold amount?

2 A. Yes. But I can't remember what the exact cutoff
3 was.

4 Q. All right. Doctor, I now want to direct your
5 attention to Trial Exhibit 16039. That's the nurses
6 health study. You have that study, sir?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Can you identify it?

9 A. Yes. This is a paper published in the New
10 England Journal of Medicine, 1987, pages 1303 to '9
11 in Volume 317, entitled "RELATIVE AND ABSOLUTE EXCESS
12 RISKS OF CORONARY HEART DISEASE AMONG WOMEN WHO SMOKE
13 CIGARETTES," the authors are Walter Willett, Adele
14 Green, Meir Stampfer, Frank Speizer, Graham Colditz,
15 Bernard Rosner, Richard Monson, William Stason and
16 Charles Hennekens.

17 Q. Now you mentioned Frank Speizer. Is that the
18 same Dr. Speizer who was one of your teachers at
19 Harvard School of Public Health?

20 A. Yes. This is a -- this is a study based on the
21 nurses health study. This paper is based on the
22 nurses health study, as we mentioned.

23 Q. Doctor, did you review this study as part of
24 your investigation in this case?

25 A. Yes.

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1 Q. Does the study form part of the basis of the

2 opinions that you hold in this case?
3 A. Yes.
4 Q. And does this study -- or strike that.
5 Is this study a reliable authority in the
6 scientific literature?
7 A. Yes.
8 MR. HAMLIN: Your Honor, we offer Trial
9 Exhibit 16039 into evidence as a learned treatise.
10 MR. GARNICK: No objection.
11 THE COURT: Court will receive 16039.
12 BY MR. HAMLIN:
13 Q. Doctor, I now want to direct your attention to a
14 demonstrative exhibit illustrating the nurses health
15 study. It's Trial Exhibit 30166.
16 MR. HAMLIN: We offer that exhibit, Your
17 Honor, for illustrative purposes.
18 MR. GARNICK: No objection, Your Honor.
19 THE COURT: Court will receive 30166 for
20 illustrative purposes.
21 BY MR. HAMLIN:
22 Q. Doctor, let's put that board on the easel. And
23 the title of the demonstrative is "Nurses Health
24 Study;" is that right, doctor?
25 A. Yes.

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1 Q. And again we have two columns, "Design" and
2 "Results;" right?
3 Can you tell us about the design of the nurses
4 health study based on the bullet points in that
5 exhibit.
6 A. Yes. This is another prospective cohort study.
7 It involves follow-up of a large group of nurses,
8 120,000, contributing to this particular report.
9 This is a study that produces results very frequently
10 in the medical literature.
11 Q. Could you define for us once again what you
12 meant by "cohort?"
13 A. This is a study where -- not starting with
14 diseased and non-diseased people like in the
15 case-control studies, where, for example, Wynder and
16 Graham began with persons with lung cancer and
17 persons without, in this case this population is
18 120,000, nurses who were on rosters of licensed
19 nurses, The Nurses Association, who were asked to
20 participate in this study. They were ages 30 to 55
21 at the time they were enrolled into the study. And
22 they'd been followed for -- for their health,
23 including the occurrence of coronary heart disease or
24 heart attacks, cancer, and other health problems.
25 They answered a questionnaire when they entered

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1 the study, and then approximately every two years
2 they've answered a follow-up questionnaire. And one
3 of the items about which they obtained information is
4 smoking. The team obtained information from medical
5 records as well, so if someone reports that they've
6 had, let's say, a heart attack on the questionnaire,

7 then medical records are obtained and reviewed. So
8 the study tracks the occurrence of new -- new heart
9 attack incidence, and also then death or mortality.
10 Q. Can you turn now, doctor, to the column marked
11 "Results."
12 A. Yes.
13 Q. Tell us what we see there.
14 A. Okay. This column provides the combined data
15 for heart attacks that were fatal, so fatal coronary
16 heart disease, and also for non-fatal heart attacks,
17 or the technical term is myocardial infarction.
18 We're again looking at relative risks for current
19 smokers compared to never smokers, our never smokers
20 being zero cigarettes per day, the number of
21 cigarettes smoked per day, one to 14, 15 to 24, 25 or
22 more, and then in this column we see something called
23 the age-adjusted risk estimate. This just means that
24 age has been taken into account so that it's as
25 though the ages were similar in each of these groups.

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1 Q. When you say that age is taken into account, can
2 you give us an example of what you mean?

3 A. Yeah. This --

4 In other words, it's possible, let's say, that
5 people in one of these groups of smokers might be
6 older or younger than the never smokers. This
7 potential imbalance in the age in the different
8 groups has been taken into account, so when we look
9 at the effects of smoking, there's no contamination
10 by the effects of age differences between the groups.

11 Q. Could you now talk about the third column, which
12 appears to be "Adjusted Risk Estimate."

13 A. Right. So we have two columns of relative
14 risks, one age adjusted and the other adjusted with
15 this star.

16 Now you can see that in the age adjusted alone
17 column, there's a dose/response with a relative risk
18 rising from one to six for those smoking 25 or more.
19 Now this column over here is adjusted, and here they
20 tried to take account of -- they've taken account of
21 confounding factors, those factors that might have
22 been influenced -- that might have been mingled with
23 smoking so that they can look at the effects of
24 smoking independent of the effect of these other
25 factors. And they -- the factors that they've

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1 controlled for are listed here, age, the interval of
2 time of follow-up -- remember the study went on six
3 years, so they've taken account of that -- Quetelet's
4 index is simply a measure of the body mass; that is,
5 the relative weight of the individuals, the
6 menopausal status, which influences heart disease
7 risk.. Hormone replacement therapy or taking
8 replacement estrogens, family history, personal
9 history of diabetes, another risk factor for heart
10 attack, hypertension, and high blood cholesterol.

11 Now the point is that after controlling for all

12 of these potential confounding factors, these
13 relative risk values comparing this center column
14 where only age has been taken into account with this
15 last column where they've taken into account age and
16 everything else, is basically exactly the same. So
17 in other words, while we're often concerned about the
18 effects of confounding and as we assess cigarette
19 smoking or other causes of disease, in this instance
20 this adjustment had absolutely no impact on the
21 relative risk of smoking.

22 Q. Thank you, doctor. You can return to the
23 witness stand.

24 Now we've looked at a few studies on smoking and
25 disease, doctor. Have you reviewed other studies on

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1 smoking and disease in order to form your opinions in
2 this case?

3 A. Yes, I have.

4 Q. Approximately how many?

5 A. Many. The database alone prepared includes over
6 nine hundred studies.

7 Q. Doctor, if you could come down from the stand
8 for just a minute, I want to direct your attention to
9 the six boxes that are at the end of the bench in
10 front of the jury's -- excuse me, in front of the
11 judge's bench. Excuse me.

12 And I want to ask you this: Do those six boxes
13 contain complete copies of the studies that you
14 reviewed in this case to form your opinions?

15 A. Well these boxes include the original copies of
16 the studies that have been entered -- entered into
17 the computer database.

18 Q. Can you turn and face the jury when you --

19 A. Yes. These boxes contain complete copies of the
20 900 plus studies that have been entered into the
21 computer database.

22 Q. And you reviewed the results of these studies?

23 A. That's right.

24 Q. And you've relied on them in part to form your
25 opinions?

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1 A. That's correct.

2 Q. And are these studies reliable authorities in
3 the scientific literature?

4 A. Yes.

5 MR. HAMLIN: Your Honor, I've got a list of
6 the trial exhibits that I would now move to offer the
7 court that are in these six boxes: Trial Exhibit
8 15909, Trial Exhibits -- two Trial Exhibits 16026,
9 Trial Exhibit 16028, the Trial Exhibit 16085, Trial
10 Exhibit 16088, Trial Exhibit 16299, Trial Exhibit
11 16301, Trial Exhibit 16307, Trial Exhibit 16309,
12 Trial Exhibit 16582, Trial Exhibit 16584, Trial
13 Exhibit 16588, Trial Exhibit 16590, Trial Exhibit
14 16506, Trial Exhibit 16598, Trial Exhibit 16622,
15 Trial Exhibit 16624, Trial Exhibit 16651, Trial
16 Exhibit 16653, Trial Exhibit 16654, Trial Exhibit

17 16656, Trial Exhibit 16814. Your Honor, we offer
18 these studies as learned treatises.

19 MR. GARNICK: No objection, Your Honor.

20 THE COURT: They will be received into
21 evidence.

22 BY MR. HAMLIN:

23 Q. Doctor, did you also review reports of the
24 Surgeon General of the United States on smoking and
25 disease as part of your investigation in this case?

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1 A. Yes, I did.

2 Q. And did you review the 1964 report?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Is that the report regarding lung cancer?

5 A. And other diseases, yes.

6 Q. And other diseases.

7 Did you review the 1989 report?

8 A. Yes, I did.

9 Q. Can you tell me the subject matter of that
10 report?

11 A. The 1989 report was the 25-year progress and
12 summary report.

13 Q. And did you review the 1990 report?

14 A. Yes, I did.

15 Q. And that is the report on smoking cessation?

16 A. That's the report on the health benefits of
17 smoking cessation.

18 Q. And you were the senior scientific editor for
19 that report.

20 A. Correct.

21 Q. And did you rely on those reports as well as
22 others in forming your opinions in this case?

23 A. Yes, I did.

24 Q. Doctor, I want to direct your attention to trial
25 Exhibit 20235. Now that's in the box next to the

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1 witness stand. That is the International Agency for
2 Research on Cancer monograph on smoking. Do you have
3 that?

4 A. Yes, I do.

5 Q. Could you identify that for the record, doctor.

6 A. This is a monograph, copy of a monograph
7 entitled "Tobacco Smoking, Volume 38," it's in a
8 series entitled IARC, International Agency for
9 Research on Cancer, World Health Organization, on the
10 evaluation of the carcinogenic risk of chemicals to
11 humans, published in 1986.

12 Q. Did you review this exhibit as part of your
13 investigation in this case?

14 A. Yes, I did.

15 Q. And did you rely on this exhibit to form part of
16 the basis of your opinions in this case?

17 A. Yes, I did.

18 Q. Do you consider this exhibit to be a reliable
19 authority in the scientific literature?

20 A. Yes.

21 MR. HAMLIN: Your Honor, we offer trial

22 Exhibit 20235 as a learned treatise.
23 MR. GARNICK: No objection, Your Honor.
24 THE COURT: Court will receive 20235.
25 BY MR. HAMLIN:
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1 Q. Doctor, has the Surgeon General of the United
2 States provided any guidance or criteria to determine
3 whether smoking is a cause of disease?
4 A. Yes. The 1964 Surgeon General's report set out
5 a set of criteria for evaluating evidence on smoking
6 as a cause of disease.
7 Q. Doctor, I want to direct your attention to Trial
8 Exhibit 30156, which is a demonstrative exhibit
9 titled "Causal Criteria."
10 MR. HAMLIN: And Your Honor, at this time
11 we offer this exhibit into evidence for illustrative
12 purposes.
13 MR. GARNICK: No objection, Your Honor.
14 THE COURT: Court will receive 30166 for
15 illustrative purposes.
16 Q. Let's put the exhibit on the board. And doctor,
17 could you tell us what's on the exhibit, and perhaps
18 begin by -- by reading it.
19 A. Yes. This exhibit describes text on page 20 of
20 the 1964 Surgeon General report. It says,
21 "Statistical methods cannot establish proof of a
22 causal relationship in an association. The causal
23 significance of an association is a matter of
24 judgment which goes beyond any statement of
25 statistical probability. To judge or evaluate the
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1 causal association of the -- causal significance of
2 the association between the attribute or agent and
3 the disease, or effect upon health, a number of
4 criteria must be utilized, no one of which is an
5 all-sufficient basis for judgment. These criteria
6 include:
7 "The consistency of the association
8 "The strength of the association
9 "The specificity of the association
10 "The temporal relationship of the association
11 "The coherence of the association.
12 "These criteria were utilized in various
13 sections of this Report. The most extensive and
14 illuminating account of their utilization is to be
15 found in Chapter 9 in the section entitled
16 'Evaluation of the Association Between Smoking and
17 Lung Cancer'.
18 Q. Doctor, could you go over the causal criteria in
19 this exhibit and explain what each one means,
20 beginning with the first one.
21 A. Yes. Consistency refers to the consistency of
22 findings on replication; that is, has the -- have
23 multiple studies each shown the same finding? Have
24 the results been consistent?
25 Strength refers to essentially what we have been
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1 talking about, how strong is the relative risk
2 values? Higher relative risk values are more
3 difficult to explain by the actions of other factors
4 perhaps, uncontrolled-for confounders. Under
5 strength we also look at dose/response. Does the
6 risk rise, relative risk rise as the degree of
7 exposure to cigarette smoking increases, the number
8 of cigarettes per day, or the number of years that
9 someone has been smoking? Specificity is not so
10 relevant to smoking. By "specificity," it means is
11 there a unique relationship between smoking and
12 disease; that is, does smoking only cause one
13 disease, and is that disease only caused by smoking?

14 There are very few examples, in fact, where one
15 disease has only one cause and that cause doesn't
16 cause something else. So in terms, for example, of
17 specificity for lung cancer, we know that smoking is
18 the predominant cause of lung cancer, but there are
19 other causes. For heart disease we know that smoking
20 is a major cause, but we know that there are other
21 causes. So specificity will be found not to apply
22 very well as we look at the evidence.

23 Q. Could you talk about the temporal relationship
24 of the association, doctor.

25 A. The temporal relationship simply means that

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1 smoking should come before the effect; that is, there
2 should be a proper ordering of the relationship, so
3 that people begin smoking and at some point after
4 they have smoked, been exposed to the disease-causing
5 agents in the smoke, disease occurs. And as we look
6 at the risks of smoking-caused diseases, we'll be
7 seeing that most of those diseases take some time to
8 develop. People smoke first, and then the diseases
9 develop later, fulfilling this criterion of the
10 temporal relationship.

11 Q. And could you then turn to the last criteria,
12 the coherence of the association.

13 A. All right. By coherence, we mean how does the
14 evidence fit from all variety of lines of
15 information? For example, have disease risks --
16 rates risen in the population in parallel with
17 smoking? What do we know about experimental work?
18 What do we know about the biological basis by which
19 smoking could cause the disease? What happens when
20 people stop smoking, do the disease risks go down?
21 And so forth. So under coherence, we bring together
22 all the lines of information. We consider
23 alternative explanations. Are there any plausible
24 alternatives to smoking being the cause of disease?

25 Q. Doctor, how are these criteria used?

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1 A. Okay. These criteria have been applied
2 periodically by the Surgeon General, by the Surgeon

3 General's reports, in looking at the evidence on
4 smoking and disease. There are guidelines by which
5 the evidence is appraised and a determination is made
6 as to whether the evidence is sufficient to warrant
7 the conclusion that smoking causes disease, a
8 causative conclusion.

9 Q. Do all of the criteria have to be met in order
10 to find cause?

11 A. No, all the criteria do not have to be met. In
12 fact, that's expressed on this board in front of us,
13 that a number of criteria must be utilized, no one of
14 which is an all-sufficient basis for judgment, nor do
15 all criteria need to be met.

16 Q. Did you rely on these criteria in forming your
17 opinions in this case?

18 A. Yes, I did.

19 Q. Doctor, how often does the Surgeon General apply
20 these criteria to evidence of smoking and disease?

21 A. Well, although a Surgeon General's report is
22 issued almost every year, although we have not had
23 one since '94, each report is not a progressive
24 updating of the prior reports. So that, for example,
25 cancer was the topic of the 1982 report, but cancer

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1 has not been systematically reviewed subsequently.
2 Heart disease was the 1983 report. So the evaluation
3 of the evidence has been on specific diseases, has
4 been episodic rather than done in each report looking
5 at all the evidence.

6 Q. Doctor, could you give us an example of how you
7 applied these criteria to a specific disease such as
8 lung cancer?

9 A. Yes.

10 MR. HAMLIN: Before you do that, I would
11 like to offer another demonstrative exhibit, it's
12 Trial Exhibit 30155, it's entitled "Causal Criteria,
13 1964 Surgeon General's Report," and we would offer
14 that for illustrative purposes only, Your Honor.

15 MR. GARNICK: Mr. Hamlin, can I have that
16 number again, please?

17 MR. HAMLIN: Yes, 30 thousand -- I'm sorry,
18 it's 30155.

19 MR. GARNICK: No objection, Your Honor.

20 THE COURT: Court will receive 30155 for
21 illustrative purposes.

22 BY MR. HAMLIN:

23 Q. Dr. Samet, can you tell us what appears on this
24 exhibit, which is titled "Causal Criteria 1964
25 Surgeon General's Report?"

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1 A. Yes. This board simply lists the criteria that
2 were on the previous board which represented page 20
3 of the 1964 Surgeon General's report.

4 Q. Okay. Now let's go back to the lung cancer
5 example. Let's take the first criteria, consistency.
6 What evidence is there of consistency with respect to
7 lung cancer?

8 A. Well lung cancer has been studied over and over
9 again in epidemiological studies across the decades.
10 The findings of these studies have shown over and
11 over again that the relative risk of lung cancer is
12 increased by cigarette smoking.

13 Q. Doctor, do you have an animation that could
14 illustrate this point? That's Trial Exhibit 30255.
15 That is the animation.

16 A. Yes, I do.

17 Q. All right. Could you turn to that now.

18 A. This exhibit simply shows the findings of
19 studies in the computerized database prepared for
20 this testimony. What we're seeing is the relative
21 risks of the epidemiological studies for lung cancer
22 in men, we're seeing the relative risks of lung
23 cancer in these studies included in the database
24 based on the year, referring to the year in which the
25 study was reported across the bottom, and you can see

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1 the planes here, 1X being the relative risk for
2 non -- never smokers, and then just for reference
3 there is a plane set at a relative risk of 10, a one
4 thousand percent increase, and then each bar simply
5 represents the findings of an individual study. And
6 the numbers, which you may or may not be able to see
7 at the top of each bar, are the actual relative risk
8 values. So you can see that all of these points are
9 above one, some are quite high, and a number are well
10 above the plane showing a relative risk of ten.

11 Q. And what is the source of this graph again,
12 doctor?

13 A. Again, these relative risk values are included
14 in the studies that are in the boxes in front
15 containing the over 900 studies entered into the
16 computer database. These are the relative risk
17 values taken from those studies.

18 Q. These are the studies that you reviewed.

19 A. Correct.

20 Q. Now do we also have an animation for women?

21 A. Yes, we do.

22 Q. Could we see that now.

23 A. Again, this will be a very similar animation,
24 now showing the relative risk for lung cancer in
25 women, looking at studies published from 1950 on.

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1 Again relative risk of one for never smokers, and now
2 you can see the data for women included in the
3 database. These are the relative risks of values,
4 one being the relative risk reference value for never
5 smokers, and again you can see the plane set at 10
6 just to give you sort of a fix on these relative risk
7 values.

8 Q. And doctor, what is the source of the
9 information in this graph?

10 A. Again, the source of the information in this
11 graph is the studies that have been reviewed and then
12 abstracted with their findings into the computer

13 database.
14 Q. Do you have any -- well let me -- let me turn
15 now to the strength of the association.
16 Can you tell us what evidence there is of the
17 strength of the association with respect to lung
18 cancer?
19 A. Again, simply looking at the relative risk
20 values, we saw for men values that ranged up to 20 or
21 more in looking at the animation as showing again
22 here. So again, as you see the numbers rise, many
23 relative risk values above ten, or over a one
24 thousand percent increase, some values as high as 20,
25 simply comparing the relative risk in smokers to
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1 relative risk in never smokers. These are very
2 strong increases in relative risk.
3 And again, just revisiting the animation for
4 women, we again see relative risk values in general
5 quite high and a number well above ten in this
6 animation.
7 Q. Doctor, I want to now direct your attention
8 to -- I think it's Trial Exhibit 30092, which is a
9 demonstrative exhibit, and that's in your book. And
10 if we could get the overhead ready for that.
11 MR. HAMLIN: Your Honor, that trial exhibit
12 is titled "Relative Risk of Lung Cancer by
13 Cigarettes Smoked Per Day: Current Smokers Versus
14 Never Smokers - Men." And we offer that for
15 illustrative purposes.
16 MR. GARNICK: Your Honor, I don't think a
17 foundation has been set for this. There's no
18 indication where the data came from or what study
19 it's based on.
20 MR. HAMLIN: Yeah.
21 THE COURT: Lay a foundation, counsel.
22 MR. HAMLIN: Certainly.
23 BY MR. HAMLIN:
24 Q. Doctor, do you have that graph in front of you?
25 A. Yes, I do.

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1 Q. Okay. And can you tell us the source of the
2 data?
3 A. Yes. These data -- the graphs represent the
4 data that have been abstracted from the original
5 epidemiological studies on smoking and lung cancer,
6 and these graphs simply show the findings in those
7 publications as they have been abstracted and entered
8 into the computer database. Based on that database,
9 we have prepared this graph, which simply shows the
10 relative risk values for individual studies included
11 in the database by the number of cigarettes smoked
12 per day.
13 Q. So this graph is based on the studies that you
14 have reviewed for purposes of your investigation in
15 this case; is that right?
16 A. That's correct.
17 Q. And they are contained in the six boxes that we

18 have previously identified.
19 A. That's correct.
20 Q. And these are reliable authorities in scientific
21 literature; right?
22 A. Yes.
23 MR. HAMLIN: All right. Your Honor, at
24 this time we'd offer Trial Exhibit 30092 for
25 illustrative purposes.

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1 MR. GARNICK: No objection, Your Honor.
2 THE COURT: Court will receive 30092 for
3 illustrative purposes.
4 BY MR. HAMLIN:
5 Q. Doctor, we now have that trial exhibit on the
6 overhead, and could you first of all read the title
7 again.
8 A. The title is "Relative Risk of Lung Cancer by
9 Cigarettes Smoked Per Day: Current Smokers Versus
10 Never Smokers - Men."
11 Q. Now can you tell us what's on the various axes
12 of the graph first?
13 A. Yes. On the bottom axis, on the X axis, is the
14 number of cigarettes smoked per day. You can see
15 going from zero, which of course is the never
16 smokers, number of cigarettes smoked per day, out to
17 60. And not well seen on this graph, but just below
18 that horizontal line across corresponds to a relative
19 risk value of one, the value for never smokers.
20 Q. Is that on the left-hand side, doctor, at the
21 bottom there?
22 A. Yes, it is.
23 Q. Okay. And that's the value for never smokers.
24 A. That's the value for never smokers.
25 The vertical axis, the Y axis, is the relative

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1 risk of lung cancer in the current smokers in these
2 studies compared to the never smokers at the various
3 levels of cigarettes smoked per day.
4 Q. Now what do the lines represent, doctor?
5 A. Each line represents the dose/response in an
6 individual study. So all we've done is taken the
7 dose/response relationships, like we saw in the
8 tables that I showed you before, and now just turned
9 those into lines. So the lines are just connecting
10 the dots on the individual -- on the estimates of
11 relative risk for each level of cigarette smoking.
12 So, for example, I know it's hard to pick out some of
13 the individual lines, but this tall first line going
14 up to 81 is the result of one study, and all the
15 lines will connect down to 1.0, the value for never
16 smokers.
17 Q. Now I'm not sure we were clear on that. Is the
18 line a study?
19 A. Each -- each of these lines going from left to
20 right --
21 Q. Right.
22 A. -- represents the dose/response within an

23 individual epidemiological study, yes. So this --
24 Q. And what do the dots represent?
25 A. The dots represent the values obtained in the
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1 studies for -- the relative risk values obtained in
2 the studies for a particular level of cigarettes
3 smoked per day. And then all we've done really is
4 connect the dots to generate the line. So it's to
5 show you the relative risk values in each study that
6 we've done this. So this really corresponds, for
7 example, to the table that I showed for the Wynder
8 and Graham study or the Doll and Hill case-control
9 study, now we just plotted the results onto a graph
10 like this, taken those points and connected them to
11 make a line for each study.

12 Q. And what is the significance of the graph here?
13 What is it that we see?

14 A. Well, we can see a lot here. We can see that,
15 first, that there are many studies, there are many
16 lines on -- on the graph, and this graph includes
17 only those studies that were included in the computer
18 database. We can see that the findings of the
19 studies are consistent. We can see that all the
20 lines rise, so that as the number of cigarettes goes
21 up smoked in each study by the current smokers, the
22 relative risk values go up.

23 So you can see while there's some -- not all
24 lines are as steep as other lines, the lines all go
25 up; that is, in each study we see a dose/response

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1 relationship between the number of cigarettes smoked
2 and the relative risk for developing lung cancer.
3 Q. Let's now go to Trial Exhibit 30093. Your
4 Honor, this is entitled "Relative Risk of Lung Cancer
5 by Cigarettes Smoked Per Day: Current Smokers Versus
6 Never Smokers - Women."

7 First of all, doctor, can you turn to that
8 exhibit.

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And what is the source of the data in this
11 exhibit?

12 A. As for the similar plot for men, it is a study
13 abstracted, included in these boxes and placing --
14 the findings placed into the computer database.

15 MR. HAMLIN: Your Honor, we offer Trial
16 Exhibit 30093 for illustrative purposes.

17 MR. GARNICK: No objection, Your Honor.

18 THE COURT: Court will receive 30093 for
19 illustrative purposes.

20 BY MR. HAMLIN:

21 Q. Again, doctor, could you tell us what we see on
22 this graph, and if you could, begin with the axes and
23 then we'll get into the specific data.

24 A. Again, this -- this information is laid out,
25 this graph, just like the last one, with the number

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1 of cigarettes per day on the horizontal, and then on
2 the vertical the relative risk for lung cancer in
3 current smokers of varying numbers of cigarettes per
4 day compared to never smokers.

5 Q. And what is the significance of the graph that
6 we see?

7 A. Again, in this graph for women, like the
8 previous graph for men, we see consistency in that
9 the lines for the most part tend to rise with the
10 number of cigarettes smoked per day; that is, the
11 relative risk increases with the number of cigarettes
12 smoked per day.

13 In terms of dose/response, we see dose/response
14 relationships in the studies included in the computer
15 database. In terms of the strength of the relative
16 risk, as for men, we can see that many of the values
17 at the upper end of smoking are quite -- quite high,
18 a number of the lines even having values higher than
19 30 at their end, meaning the highest smoking groups
20 in these studies of women had risk of lung cancer 30
21 times more than that -- at least 30 times more than
22 that of never smokers.

23 Q. And again, each line represents what?

24 A. Again, as for the men, each line represents the
25 findings of one epidemiological study. So as for

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1 men, we see consistency in the findings for the lung
2 cancer dose/response, as we did for men.

3 Q. This is for women.

4 A. That's right. This is for women, correct.

5 Q. And again, each dot represents what?

6 A. The dots represent the individual points, the
7 individual -- relative risk values in the individual
8 studies. So the values, for example, out here
9 towards the right, would correspond to those for
10 women smoking 30 or more cigarettes per day in the
11 individual studies.

12 Q. Now using your lung cancer example and the
13 information and studies that you've just discussed,
14 have the criteria of consistency and strength been
15 met?

16 A. Yes, they have. I think we've seen the findings
17 of many epidemiological studies done over time that
18 have been consistent. We've seen very strong very
19 high relative risk values. We've seen consistently
20 that the relative risk for lung cancer in smokers
21 compared to never smokers increases with the number
22 of cigarettes smoked per day. We've seen those
23 findings in men and women alike.

24 Q. Let's go to the next criteria, doctor, that's
25 specificity.

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. And can you explain whether that criteria has
3 been met?

4 A. Again, I've commented on specificity earlier,
5 that is the idea that one factor only causes one
6 disease and that disease is only caused by one
7 factor. Well we know that's not true in the case of
8 smoking and lung cancer. First we know that smoking
9 causes diseases besides lung cancer, and second we
10 know that smoking has causes other than lung cancer.
11 So in terms of specificity, this criterion is neither
12 met nor is it particularly applicable to this
13 well-worked-out problem of smoking and lung cancer.

14 Q. We go to the next criteria, which is the
15 temporal relationship. Could you tell us whether
16 that criteria has been met?

17 A. Yes. Temporality listed there just simply
18 refers to the timing: Did smoking come before the
19 lung cancer? Well, the data on -- on lung cancer and
20 age show clearly that smoking begins and the smoker
21 smokes a while, sometimes a long time before lung
22 cancer develops. So when we look at the occurrence
23 of lung cancer in the population, when does lung
24 cancer start? We don't begin to see lung cancer
25 cases occurring until people reach approximately the

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1 thirties to the forties, and that would typically be
2 following at least several decades of smoking. So
3 smoking comes first, and then as the effects of
4 smoking come into play in causing lung cancer, the
5 age-related curve of lung cancer occurrence begins to
6 rise. So temporality is met.

7 Q. Let's turn to the fifth criterion, which is
8 coherence. What evidence is there of coherence?

9 A. Okay. Coherence refers to a number of lines of
10 evidence that may be relevant. It would include
11 information on how the number of cases have changed
12 over -- over time, and does that change over time in
13 the number of cases seem to be reflective of the
14 changes in smoking patterns? It would include
15 information on what happens to the risks after
16 smoking cessation. It would include the general
17 knowledge of how smoking acts to cause lung cancer,
18 some of the mechanisms that come into play. It would
19 also include consideration of any plausible
20 alternative explanations to smoking being the cause
21 of lung cancer.

22 Q. How common was lung cancer at the turn of the
23 century, Dr. Samet?

24 A. Lung cancer was seemingly a rare disease at the
25 turn of the century.

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1 Q. Now I want to go to a demonstrative exhibit
2 next, but first let me direct your attention to Trial
3 Exhibit 26009. That's in your box, which is down on
4 the chair.

5 Now this exhibit is information from the
6 Minnesota Department of Health. Have you reviewed
7 this data?

8 A. Yes, I have.

9 Q. And does it form part of the basis of your
10 opinions in this case?
11 A. Yes.
12 Q. And is it a reliable authority?
13 A. Yes.
14 MR. HAMLIN: Your Honor, we offer Trial
15 Exhibit 26009 into evidence.
16 MR. GARNICK: No objection, Your Honor.
17 THE COURT: Court will receive 26009.
18 BY MR. HAMLIN:
19 Q. Now Dr. Samet, I want to show you Trial Exhibit
20 30090, which is a demonstrative exhibit entitled
21 "Annual Number of Deaths Due to Lung Cancer in
22 Minnesota, 1950 to 1995." Do you have that
23 demonstrative in front of you?
24 A. Yes, I do.
25 Q. Okay. And is the basis and the source of
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1 information for this demonstrative Trial Exhibit
2 26009?
3 A. Yes.
4 MR. HAMLIN: Your Honor, we offer Trial
5 Exhibit 30090 into evidence for illustrative
6 purposes.
7 MR. GARNICK: No objection.
8 THE COURT: Court will receive 30090 for
9 illustrative purposes.
10 BY MR. HAMLIN:
11 Q. Doctor, I want to direct your attention to that
12 exhibit. As I said -- well why don't --
13 Why don't you tell us, first of all, the title
14 of the exhibit.
15 A. Okay. The title of the exhibit is "Annual
16 Number of Deaths Due to Lung Cancer in Minnesota,
17 1950 to 1995," men the solid line, women the dashed
18 line.
19 Q. And can you tell us what the axes are for this
20 graph?
21 A. Yes. The bottom axis, the horizontal or X axis
22 is simply year, going from 1950 through 1995, and the
23 vertical axis is simply the number of deaths on a
24 scale going from zero to 1400.
25 Q. And the solid line is men?
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1 A. That's correct.
2 Q. And the broken line is women.
3 A. That is correct.
4 Q. Okay. Can you explain to us the significance of
5 this graph.
6 A. Well I think what's clear here is the
7 progressive rise in deaths from lung cancer in men in
8 Minnesota from 1950 to 1995 and for women in
9 Minnesota from 1950 to 1995, rising from being
10 perhaps several hundred cases to -- pushing towards
11 several thousands deaths in 1995. These trends would
12 be more or less parallel to what we know nationally
13 where in 1950 there were approximately 18,000 deaths

14 a year in the United States from lung cancer, and now
15 that total is around 160,000 deaths per year. It's
16 roughly a near ten-fold increase, perhaps a little
17 bit less.

18 Q. Doctor, I want to direct your attention now to
19 another demonstrative exhibit. It's 30096, it's
20 entitled "Relative Risk of Lung Cancer by Number of
21 Years Quit Smoking: Former Smokers Versus Never
22 Smokers." Do you have that exhibit in front of you?

23 A. Yes, I do.

24 Q. And what is the source of the data in this
25 exhibit?

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1 A. Again, the source of the data in this exhibit
2 are the studies that have been reviewed and
3 abstracted and placed into the computer database.
4 And this graph simply shows some of the findings of
5 those studies.

6 MR. HAMLIN: Your Honor, at this time we
7 offer Trial Exhibit 30096 for illustrative purposes
8 only.

9 MR. GARNICK: No objection.

10 THE COURT: Court will receive 30096.

11 BY MR. HAMLIN:

12 Q. Can we put that up, please.

13 Doctor, could you first read the title of the
14 graph.

15 A. Yeah. This graph is entitled "Relative Risk of
16 Lung Cancer by Number of Years Quit Smoking: Former
17 Smokers Versus Never Smokers."

18 Q. Could you tell us what the axes of the graph
19 represent?

20 A. Yes. And I neglected to say that this is for
21 men.

22 The horizontal axis here is the number of years
23 that in this case people who have stopped smoking had
24 stopped and stayed -- remained former smokers, going
25 from zero out to 30. The Y axis, the vertical axis,

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1 is the relative risk scale for developing lung cancer
2 in these former smokers compared to never smokers,
3 and again, one, the relative risk for never smokers,
4 is marked on the graph, and the line extends across
5 the whole bottom of the graph.

6 Q. What do the lines represent?

7 A. Again, the lines on this plot, as in the
8 dose/response plots, are the findings of individual
9 epidemiological studies, each line showing the
10 relative risk of lung cancer in former smokers
11 compared to never smokers by the number of years
12 quit. So in other words, here we have dots
13 representing the individual points in the studies for
14 the specific years quit, and for each individual
15 study the dots are simply connected to show the
16 general pattern of how the relative risk for
17 developing lung cancer drops after people stop
18 smoking.

19 Q. What does that have to do with coherence?
20 A. Okay. Again, this is some of the type of
21 evidence that we examine in looking at coherence. In
22 the last two graphs we saw how the number of lung
23 cancer cases had risen in Minnesota, heard about how
24 the number of lung cancer cases -- deaths -- have
25 risen in the United States, consistent with the rise

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1 of smoking across the century. Now we ask the
2 question, well, if smoking causes lung cancer, we
3 would also expect that when people stop smoking, that
4 the relative risk would drop. And here we see that
5 in fact the relative risk does drop with time that
6 people have stopped smoking, declining towards the
7 relative risk for never smokers, although in most of
8 these studies the lines remain well above the one out
9 to a substantial number of years after stopping
10 smoking. So people who have quit smoking certainly
11 have a maintained risk for developing lung cancer.

12 Q. Doctor, I now want to direct your attention to
13 another demonstrative exhibit, Trial Exhibit 30097.
14 Title of that exhibit is "Relative Risk of Lung
15 Cancer by Number of Years Quit Smoking: Former
16 Smokers Versus Never Smokers - Women." Do you have
17 that?

18 A. Yes, I do.

19 Q. And what is the source of the data for this
20 exhibit?

21 A. Again, as for the previous exhibit, the source
22 of this exhibit is the data obtained in the
23 epidemiological studies in the computerized database.
24 And this exhibit simply shows the findings of some of
25 those studies.

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1 MR. HAMLIN: Your Honor, at this time we
2 offer Trial Exhibit 30097 for illustrative purposes
3 only.

4 MR. GARNICK: No objection.

5 THE COURT: Court will receive 30097 for
6 illustrative purposes.

7 BY MR. HAMLIN:

8 Q. Could we put that on the overhead.

9 Once again, doctor, could you tell us what's on
10 the very -- what's on the axes of the graph?

11 A. Okay. This graph is laid out the same way as
12 the previous one for men, although this one is for
13 women. We see the relative risk for lung cancer in
14 former smokers compared to never smokers plotted
15 against the number of years that those women have
16 stopped smoking.

17 Q. Can you tell us what the lines represent?

18 A. Again, the lines represent the results of
19 individual studies. Again, the dots for the specific
20 points in the studies have just been connected to
21 form the lines, so each line represents the findings
22 of one epidemiological study.

23 Q. And what do we see here in terms of relative

24 risk?
25 A. Again, as for men, we can see that the relative
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1 risks for former smokers compared to never smokers
2 for developing lung cancer drop with increasing
3 number of years quit, in this pattern shown here,
4 declining from these very strong relative risk values
5 to somewhat lower values, but remaining somewhat
6 above one, although continuing to decline over time.
7 Q. So the pattern that we see for women is similar
8 to the pattern we've seen for men?

9 A. That's correct.
10 Q. Is this further evidence of coherence?
11 A. Again, as I've said, we would expect that if
12 cigarette smoking is causing lung cancer, that
13 withdrawal of exposure to the carcinogens in tobacco
14 smoke would lead to a reduction in risk, which is
15 what we observed here, although seemingly even with
16 relatively long follow-up, these risks remain higher
17 than those of never smokers.

18 Q. Doctor, are there other --
19 Are there explanations other than smoking for
20 what we're seeing here?

21 A. Well I think when we put the full pattern
22 together, what we saw with the consistency and the
23 very strong risks in smokers that we saw in the
24 animations, the dose/response, the rise in relative
25 risk in smokers with numbers of cigarettes smoked per

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1 day, and the declining relative risks when people
2 stop smoking, I have no explanation other than
3 smoking as the cause of lung cancer.

4 If you think about some alternative, we would
5 have to be missing something that was associated with
6 smoking that in fact could cause lung cancer risks at
7 least as high as those we see in smokers or even
8 higher, they would be associated with the number of
9 cigarettes smoked per day, and when people stop
10 smoking, somehow that factor would stop having any
11 effect. And in spite of literally 50 years of
12 epidemiological investigation, no one has ever found
13 any alternative explanation to these findings except
14 that smoking is the cause of lung cancer.

15 Q. Doctor, do we have other evidence of coherence
16 with respect to lung cancer and smoking?

17 A. There are many lines of biological investigation
18 into how smoking causes lung cancer. We're becoming
19 increasingly sophisticated in terms of our ability to
20 understand how the carcinogens in tobacco smoke act
21 to cause lung cancer.

22 There's a very recent report, for example, on
23 one of the carcinogens in tobacco smoke,
24 benzo(a)pyrene. In a study that was published a
25 little over -- about a year and a half ago, it was

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1 found that the activated metabolite of this
2 carcinogen, the activated carcinogen itself binds to
3 a very important gene at the very spots where we see
4 mutations in that gene in smokers. Let me just state
5 this again. The gene that is of concern here is
6 what's called the tumor suppressive gene. That's the
7 gene that suppresses the growth of potentially
8 cancerous cells, and we need this gene, P-53, to be
9 in good order to do housekeeping with cells that are
10 getting out of line.

11 What we find in cancers in smokers is that this
12 gene is frequently mutated, it's changed, and we
13 think the P-53 can't do its job. What this recent
14 study showed was that in people who don't have lung
15 cancer but who smoke, we can find this activated
16 carcinogen sitting right on the spots in the genes
17 where we later find changes in cancers in smokers.
18 And this is only one of the many studies that we're
19 now able to do with the very new techniques of cancer
20 biology and cancer genetics.

21 Q. So doctor, is the coherence criterion met?

22 A. Yes, there's no question that the coherence
23 criterion is met.

24 Q. Doctor, I want to turn now to the disease of
25 lung cancer. Can -- can you explain to the jury and

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1 the court what lung cancer is?

2 A. Okay. Well lung cancer is, of course, a cancer
3 of the lung. And by "cancer," we mean the
4 development of a mass of cells that have
5 uncontrolled, unrestrained growth. And we think that
6 most cancers originate with one cell which gets out
7 of control, divides and divides and divides until it
8 forms a large mass, perhaps does local damage, and
9 many cancers can spread throughout the body,
10 something we call metastasis. And lung cancer simply
11 refers to the cancers that arise at the primary organ
12 of origin in the lung.

13 Q. Doctor, I want to direct your attention to a
14 demonstrative exhibit, Trial Exhibit 30068. It's
15 "Tumor Development Occurs in Stages." Do you recall?
16 30068, do you have that? If you don't, I'll
17 bring it up to you.

18 MR. HAMLIN: Your Honor, if I could
19 approach.

20 A. Ah, sorry.

21 Q. Do you have it?

22 A. Yes. Thank you.

23 Q. Can you tell me what that drawing is?

24 A. Yes. This is a -- simply a schematic diagram of
25 how a cancer would arise in the lining of the lung or

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1 perhaps another organ. It's taken from a Scientific
2 American article published in 1996.

3 Q. And is that a reliable authority in the
4 scientific literature?

5 A. Yes.
6 MR. HAMLIN: Your Honor, we'd offer Trial
7 Exhibit 30068 for illustrative purposes only.
8 MR. GARNICK: No objection.
9 THE COURT: Court will receive 30068 for
10 illustrative purposes.
11 BY MR. HAMLIN:
12 Q. Doctor, can you tell us what we see on this
13 drawing? And I think we probably are going to have
14 to go left to right to get a --
15 A. Yes.
16 A. -- close-up of the left side first.
17 A. Yes. This exhibit, moving from left to right,
18 simply shows on one panel how normal -- a normal cell
19 genetically changed to become a cancer would develop,
20 moving through stages, first with what's called
21 hyperplasia, or just an area of overgrown cells,
22 moving to further abnormal cells, something called
23 dysplasia, and moving on as the cancer develops, the
24 process moves forward, to form what's called an in
25 situ cancer. That just refers to a cancer that's

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1 localized. And if you can see here in this diagram,
2 the cancer is sitting above the black band which is
3 one of the membranes within this surface.
4 Then as the cancer continues to develop and --
5 and perhaps as its behavior becomes more aggressive,
6 it would invade beyond the superficial lining of the
7 surface, but say the lining of the lung in the case
8 of lung cancer, and cause local damage, perhaps
9 invade blood vessels as shown here to spread
10 throughout the body and go to distant sites, like the
11 brain or perhaps to bones.

12 Q. What color are the -- are the cancer cells
13 there?
14 A. Well the cancer cells are shown here in the --
15 in the blue moving on down.

16 Q. Now can these cells -- these cancer cells spread
17 to other sites?

18 A. Yes, they can.

19 Q. Can you give us some --

20 A. Yeah.

21 Q. -- information on that?

22 A. Certainly. The cancer cells, the cancer mass
23 may invade locally and simply spread through the lung
24 and through the chest wall. The cells can also enter
25 into the bloodstream and spread to sites outside the

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1 lung. Some of the common sites are the brain, the
2 bone, the spinal cord, the liver, the adrenal glands,
3 are some of the common sites to which lung cancer
4 spreads.

5 Q. Now doctor, I want to direct your attention now
6 to another demonstrative exhibit, Trial Exhibit
7 30081. Do you have that?

8 A. Yes, I do.

9 Q. Can you tell us what that is?

10 A. Yes. This is simply a text figure of the
11 appearance of a brain with a cancer metastasis in it.
12 MR. HAMLIN: Your Honor, we offer Trial
13 Exhibit 30081 for illustrative purposes only.

14 MR. GARNICK: No objection.

15 THE COURT: Court will receive 30081 for
16 illustrative purposes.

17 BY MR. HAMLIN:

18 Q. Now doctor, can you tell us what we see in this
19 photograph?

20 A. Yeah. Here we're just simply looking at an
21 image of the brain obtained with a CT or CAT scan
22 showing a tumor mass in the brain. Here, this would
23 be a metastasis, and what you can see in this darker
24 area surrounding it is simply the swelling that often
25 occurs around a metastasis in the brain. And of

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1 course having a large mass in the brain like this may
2 severely affect the functioning of that part of the
3 brain. One of the common presentations of lung
4 cancer is with metastasis to the brain.

5 Q. Can you tell us, doctor, how lung cancer is
6 diagnosed?

7 A. Yes. Typically these days lung cancer is
8 diagnosed by one of two means, doing a bronchoscopy,
9 this is done with a flexible tube, it's called the
10 fiber-optic bronchoscope, it is fiber-optic, and the
11 operator can actually see down this tube into the
12 lung. The tube is just passed down the nose and the
13 mouth through the voice box and into the lung, and
14 there one can actually visualize lung cancers, take
15 biopsies from the surface to establish the diagnosis,
16 and examine the extent of the tumor. This is
17 something that, unfortunately, I've done many, many
18 times, seeing many, many cancers and known without a
19 doubt what the outcome would be for that individual.

20 The other way that we make the diagnosis now --

21 Q. When you say that you know without a doubt what
22 the outcome is, what do you mean by that?

23 A. Well what I'm referring to is just generally for
24 prognosis from lung cancer, approximately 10, 12
25 percent five-year survival, so for those of us who

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1 practice pulmonary medicine, we frequently face the
2 very difficult task of doing a bronchoscopy,
3 identifying the cancer, and go to talk to someone an
4 hour or two later when they've woken up from sedation
5 and tell them what lies in store for them. This is
6 simply never easy.

7 Q. Doctor, what -- what are the symptoms of lung
8 cancer? And if you could begin with local symptoms.

9 A. Yeah. Think about the symptoms from lung cancer
10 in two ways, those that just come from the tumor
11 itself, and those that come from spread.

12 So a tumor growing within the lung may cause
13 cough. The surface may erode and there may be
14 bleeding, and people with lung cancer often present

15 coughing up blood. They may have chest pain if the
16 cancer erodes into the surrounding tissues, say the
17 esophagus, the swallowing tube, into the ribs or
18 other -- or other structures. They may have
19 pneumonia because the tube is actually blocked, the
20 secretions behind it can't be cleared, and bacteria
21 find a fertile ground for growing and causing
22 pneumonia that may be very difficult to treat.

23 Q. And are there general symptoms?

24 A. Yes. There are a variety of general symptoms of
25 lung cancer. Many in fact. One is simply weakness,

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1 loss of energy. There may be pain from sites that
2 have metastasis growing in them. There may be the
3 many possible symptoms of having cancer spread into
4 the brain and interfere with functioning. There are
5 metabolic syndromes, the sodium being too high, the
6 calcium -- the sodium being too low, the calcium
7 being too high, and many other problems.

8 So the face of lung cancer is varied. There are
9 many symptoms associated with its general
10 manifestations.

11 Q. What happens when the metabolic system is
12 interfered with by lung cancer?

13 A. There can be some very difficult problems to --
14 to control for physicians. For example, high levels
15 of calcium may make people virtually comatose. This
16 is often a very difficult problem to manage during
17 the course of a lung cancer -- course of a patient's
18 treatment.

19 MR. HAMLIN: Your Honor, if I may approach
20 the witness.

21 BY MR. HAMLIN:

22 Q. Doctor, I want to show you two trial exhibits,
23 first is Trial Exhibit 30051, the other one is Trial
24 Exhibit 30213. Trial Exhibit -- could you identify
25 Trial Exhibit 30051?

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1 A. 30051 is essentially a bag containing a slice of
2 lung labeled normal lung.

3 Q. This is a human lung?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And could you identify Trial Exhibit 30213?

6 A. Yes. Again, this is a formalin-filled bag
7 containing a slice of lung with a lung cancer
8 present.

9 Q. And doctor, do you know whether the cancerous
10 lung came from a smoker?

11 A. It's my understanding, speaking with Dr. Barbara
12 Bowers, an oncologist in the Twin Cities, is that the
13 lung cancer is a non-small-cell lung cancer from a
14 smoker.

15 Q. And that's where you obtained this sample from?

16 A. That's correct.

17 Q. With respect to the normal cell, doctor, do you
18 know whether the -- or strike that, the normal lung.

19 With respect to the normal lung, do you know

20 whether the normal lung came from a non-smoker?
21 A. It's my understanding, again from Dr. Bowers,
22 that the normal lung came from a non-smoker.
23 MR. HAMLIN: Your Honor, we offer trial
24 Exhibits 30051 and 30213 for illustrative purposes.
25 MR. GARNICK: Your Honor, we probably have
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1 no objection, if I could take a look at that.
2 MR. HAMLIN: Sure.
3 MR. GARNICK: Thank you. No objection.
4 THE COURT: Court will receive 30051 and
5 30213 for illustrative purposes.
6 MR. HAMLIN: Your Honor, at this time I
7 would ask the court's permission to pass those
8 exhibits to the jury.
9 THE COURT: All right. Michele.
10 (Exhibit passed to the jury.)
11 THE COURT: Excuse me, doctor, are these
12 marked so the jury will know which is which?
13 THE WITNESS: Yes.
14 THE COURT: And can you again explain to
15 the jury which one that is?
16 THE WITNESS: Yes. The exhibit that's
17 being passed now is the normal lung, and what you
18 should appreciate is its homogeneous surface, it's
19 smooth and the architecture that we saw in the
20 animations is maintained.
21 BY MR. HAMLIN:
22 Q. So the exhibit that was just passed to the jury
23 was the normal lung.
24 A. That's correct.
25 Q. Okay. Could we now pass the cancerous lung.
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1 A. Yes. If I -- if I could just comment.
2 Q. Yes.
3 A. What you'll see when it's passed is, again, a
4 slice of lung with the brownish color that you saw in
5 the normal lung, but now you're going to see a very
6 large white mass. Of course that's the cancer, the
7 white is the cancer, and you can see how it's spread
8 throughout the lung and destroyed the architecture of
9 the lung. So essentially the cancer has, if you
10 will, eaten up the normal lung that we saw in the
11 prior slice.
12 MR. HAMLIN: Your Honor, this may be a good
13 time to break.
14 THE COURT: All right. We'll recess at
15 this time, reconvene tomorrow morning at 9:30.
16 THE CLERK: Court stands in recess to
17 reconvene tomorrow morning at 9:30.
18 (Recess taken.)
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